

# HERMANN HOHAUS

*Revisited*

## MEDIA RELEASE

Exhibition Dates: 25 September - 14 October 2018  
28 Derby Street Collingwood VIC 3066  
Open 7 days 10am to 6pm

*'For the composition of a piece of art it is absolutely necessary to express yourself with a minimum of forms and shapes and to eliminate details. Most important things must be shown.'* Hermann Hohaus

Sculptor Hermann Hohaus arrived in Melbourne from Germany in 1954 and remained here until his death in 1990. Throughout the 36 years in his adopted country he was actively involved in sculpture, by teaching, making and exhibiting.

Hohaus stated that he began carving in wood when he was only 10 years old and subsequently learnt a great deal about art in general from the priest in his town. He started his training at the School of Applied Art in Bad Warmbrunn, but his studies were interrupted by service in the army. After World War II he studied at the University of Fine Art in Munich, 1946 until 1952.

Unable to return to his hometown, which was now part of Poland, he accepted his wife's suggestion and migrated to Australia. On arrival in Melbourne in 1954 he worked as a stonemason, was a modeler in a terracotta factory and worked in the design department of a car manufacturer. He was lecturer in sculpture in the art school at RMIT from 1961 until 1972.

Hermann Hohaus worked in a restrained, early modernist style, producing a great number of small bronze figures as well as numerous depictions of animals. He carried out several commissions for religious sculptures for churches in Melbourne.

This exhibition showcases a comprehensive selection of Hohaus' small scale bronzes in his distinctive figurative style. In complement to these intimate pieces, viewers will have the rare opportunity to experience a collection of Hohaus' impressive large scale works.

*Revisited* is current until 14 October 2018.

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