

Gunther von Hagens'
KÖRPERWELTEN

& Der Zyklus des Lebens

Press Release

**GUNTHER VON HAGENS VENTURES FROM ARTISTIC ANATOMY
TO ANATOMICAL ART IN NEW EXHIBIT**

Munich, Germany –Anatomist Gunther von Hagens, who is inextricably linked to contemporary artistic anatomy rendered through his science of Plastination, has charted a new course in anatomical art with his latest work, *Cuts: Forays In Anatomical Art*.

The collection, which will be installed in the exhibition *BODY WORLDS & The Cycle of Life* now showing at Olympia Park in Munich, offers a penetrating and revelatory gaze at subterranean dimensions of materiality. With the sharpest dissection tools and aesthetic sensibilities, the anatomist reveals through incisions to the body interior of both man and matter, what is usually hidden, camouflaged, dismissed or routinely ignored. Forms—humans, animals, machines, and an array of objects that populate the landscape—are cut, deconstructed, and writ large.

In *Cuts*, the inconspicuous, the mundane, and the literal are sliced in different planes, to be viewed in a new way--sharpening the sense of the extraordinary in the ordinary. A foot in a towering stiletto heel, cut along the longitudinal plane, is a marvel of intention, ambition, suffering, and sacrifice. All for beauty, it declares. A piggy bank cut from snout to tail is a repository of hope and deferred dreams. "Even the depths of things holds only surfaces," says von Hagens.

Cuts: Forays in Anatomical Art makes the familiar foreign and the foreign familiar.

What lies beneath is neither terrestrial nor magical, but for the curiosity seeker and naturalist, it offers a lens through which to see our world and its objectified and animating elements in another dimension.

The special feature will be unveiled to the public on July 31, 2014 in *BODY WORLDS & The Cycle of Life* on view at Olympic Park through October 5, 14.

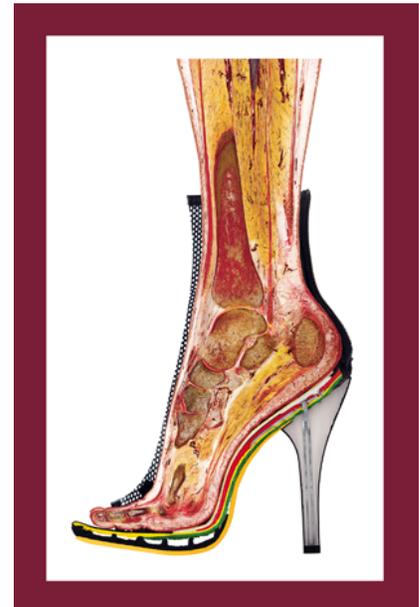
For further information on *BODY WORLDS & The Cycle of Life* in Munich, or other *BODY WORLDS* exhibitions please visit www.bodyworlds.com

FOR MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA

Media preview will be held on July 30 at 11 am, to RSVP and for more information please contact:

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