Joseph Beuys & Jörg Immendorff
Oxford

Joseph Beuys was the last self-styled artist-visionary who saw art as a catalyst for real change. He pioneered a spiritual approach that looked back to modernism and the ideas of Rudolph Steiner; he founded Germany's Green movement. Yet of all his feats, he said being a teacher was his greatest work of art. This show pairs his work with that of one of his world-renowned students, Jörg Immendorff (Gerhard Richter was another). It features some of Beuys's seminal pieces, including the felt suit and fat-laden sled that referred to his creation myth as an artist (being rescued by Tartars when his plane was shot down during the second world war). Life-sustaining, they stand for spiritual nurture and growth. These earthy attributes couldn't look more different from Immendorff's hectic, expressionist paintings, yet both reimage German identity in the aftershock of the war.

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