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## PRESS RELEASE

### Gerrit Engel: Schinkel in Berlin and Potsdam An homage in photographs and a first-class architectural guide

The book on Berlin and architecture *Schinkel in Berlin und Potsdam* is in a class of its own. Gerrit Engel uses subtle color photography – following the Becher School concept of photographing buildings in such a uniform way that each image and with it the building can easily be compared with the others in terms of both design and shape. He captures all those buildings by renowned architect Karl Friedrich Schinkel (1781-1841) that still stand in Berlin and Potsdam today, bringing them together in one comprehensive guide.

Of all the buildings designed by the great architect to the Prussian State – who with his own works and those of his students shaped the architectural face of Berlin in such an inimitable way – a mere 26 survived the Allied bombing raids that destroyed much of the capital city or were rebuilt owing to the severe damage. The book depicts these historical edifices in photographs by Gerrit Engel, with explanatory texts contributed by architecture historian Detlef Jessen-Klingenberg.

In its simplicity and elegance, not to mention its strict, geometric precision, Schinkel's concept of "Prussian Classicism" was later invoked in Bauhaus and Modernist avant-garde architecture of the 20th century. It is superbly documented here in a manner truly worthy of it, with refinement and in a highly aesthetic way. The introductory text by architectural historian professor Barry Bergdoll, puts the works in historical context.

Images, anecdotes on the individual buildings and reflections on the overriding themes of architecture photography and history come together to create an unparalleled guide to Schinkel's Berlin and the surrounding areas; a true delight for Berliners, photographers, architects and architecture aficionados alike.

#### More on Schinkel coming up:

- *Karl Friedrich Schinkel: Entwürfe für Bildhauer* an exhibition currently being held in the Kupferstichkabinett – Museum of Prints and Drawings in Berlin until January 8, 2012.
- *Das Erbe Schinkels* an exhibition to be held in the Kulturforum at Potsdamer Platz in Berlin from September 7, 2012 through January 6, 2013, subsequently moving to Munich.



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#### Schinkel in Berlin and Potsdam

A comprehensive guide to all of Schinkel's extant buildings in Berlin and Potsdam.

With an introduction by Barry Bergdoll and texts on their architectural history by Detlef Jessen-Klingenberg

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