

z k m Lorenzstraße 19 76135 Karlsruhe

Direktion

Directorate

Prof. Dr. h.c. mult. Peter Weibel

Vorstand

Chairman and CEO

Postanschrift Postal address
Postfach 6909 P.O. Box 6909
D-76049 Karlsruhe

Besuchsadresse Location
Lorenzstraße 19
76135 Karlsruhe

Tel. +49 (0)721 8100-1000

Fax +49 (0)721 8100-1139

peter.weibel@zkm.de

www.zkm.de

November 19, 2020

Dear Mr Vasko Simoniti,

I am extremely surprised to learn that the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Slovenia in its public response to the Public Letter to the Minister of Culture

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxqGozvKxsRtxvRebk4E_qsW7VA7I7WNWI5w1CXSiQYgK0Yg/viewform, signed by some hundred professionals and institutions, mentioned among others my name. My name was used in this context to relativize the international reputation and high professional achievements of Moderna galerija. I have been associated with Moderna galerija as a theorist and guest curator for almost thirty years, and I do care about what is going on with this internationally highly renowned museum.

It is incredible what Moderna galerija has achieved in the last decades. It has contributed to exhibitions and publications to the most important museums of the world, from the Museum of Modern Art in New York to the Museum Reina Sofia in Madrid. The intellectual and curatorial impulses, originated by Moderna galerija have found a tremendous echo in the international art world. By its professional competence Moderna galerija has created an international network with the best museum directors and curators of the world. To become a fix and extremely respected knot in this network, is already difficult for a museum in the center of Europe. To achieve this status from the periphery of Europe, like Ljubljana, is an extraordinary, even heroic achievement. All artists of the Eastern European world are grateful to Moderna galerija for the tasks, efforts and achievements it has realized.

With this letter I strongly distance myself from the abuse of my name and I use the opportunity to support the high professional standards in selecting a director of Moderna galerija.

I also ask that you refrain from using my name in your future public communication regarding current problems in Slovene culture.

Sincerely,



Prof. Dr. h.c. mult. Peter Weibel

Chairman and CEO