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Facts about Expert Reports of the Doerner Institut

The Doerner Institut with its conservation and scientific departments is primarily concerned with the care and research of works of art from the holdings of the Bayerische Staatsgemäldesammlungen as exhibited in the Munich Pinakotheken and their branch galleries. Only in **few well-founded cases** is it possible to handle external requests for expert reports. Moreover, we reserve the right to narrow down the choice according to the research interests of our institute.

Inquiries regarding expert reports (state of condition, authenticity, forgeries, law-court cases etc.) may be directed in writing, by telephone or e-mail to the office of the Doerner Institut, Bayerische Staatsgemäldesammlungen, Barer Strasse 29, D 80799 Munich, Germany, T +49.89.23805-155, F +49.89.23805-156, and info@doernerinstitut.de. In cases of written requests, please provide a brief description of the problem and a **photograph** of the art work. Since it is not possible to handle all inquiries, precise details given and your questions will determine our selection. A member of our staff will then contact you to make specific arrangements.

Investigations regarding the authenticity of a painting are conducted via the comparative analysis of the painting technique, pigment analysis, and in rare cases media analyses. **A direct determination of the date, perhaps as precise as the year of a work, is usually not possible.** For expert reports regarding the authenticity of a painting, normally a processing period of six to eight weeks is required. Paint media analyses may demand significantly longer waiting and processing periods. The costs are calculated on the basis of the actual expenditures incurred and from experience amount to approx. 2.000 to 3.000 € for art technical investigation and pigment analysis. For your orientation, a [price list](#) of the individual services can be downloaded as a pdf file.

Once a written contract including a cost estimate has been signed, a date is agreed upon at which the customer delivers the painting to the institute in return for a receipt. You will [find us](#) in the left wing of the Neue Pinakothek in Munich, administrative entrance. **For the duration of the appraisal, the work remains at the Doerner Institut.** Paintings must be delivered in **person**, since for insurance reasons we cannot accept shipment via courier or postal service.

In the case of an investigation of a work of art that is not transportable, in the interest of optimum results, the samples are always taken and documented by a staff member of the institute. Samples sent to us are generally not processed.

We strive to process your inquiries expeditiously and ask that you refrain from repeated inquiries regarding the status of the investigation. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide preliminary appraisals and preliminary information by telephone.