

Gallery worker fired for hanging own art

Vocabulary Match

supervisors ● freelance ● passageway ● banned ● gallery ● exhibition ●

● bosses ● hallway ● stopped ● show ● museum ● independent

Article

A modern art gallery in Germany fired an employee for hanging his own art in an exhibition. The 51-year-old man drilled holes in a wall at Munich's Pinakothek der Moderne to display his painting. He hoped this would help him become a famous artist. The gallery quickly noticed and removed the artwork.

"The supervisors notice something like this immediately," said gallery spokesperson Tine Nehler. The man was part of the gallery's technical team and called himself a freelance artist. His painting was 60 by 120 centimeters and was hung in an empty passageway. Besides losing his job, he was also banned from the gallery. This gallery is one of the largest in Europe and shows works by famous artists like Picasso and Dalí.

Quiz

1. Why was the employee fired?
2. What did the man hope to achieve by hanging his art?
3. Who noticed the artwork and removed it?
4. What happened to the man after he was fired?

Conversation

A: I heard a similar story about another German gallery.
B: Really, what happened?
A: Someone snuck their own painting into the exhibition!
B: Wow, that's bold. How did they do that?
A: She said she hid it under a giant hoodie.
B: Amazing. Did she get in trouble?
A: No, actually! The gallery found it funny.
B: Well, that's a lucky way to make a name for yourself!

Discussion

1. Do you think the worker should have been fired?
2. What museums have you been to? Which was your favourite?
3. What would you do if you found an empty wall in a gallery?