

Leo Wirth: Sculpture "Freedom" (2021), bronze on marble pedestal

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Freedom is female. This not only refers to its grammatical gender but also to its traditional placement in the picture. It begins, as so many things do - in Roman mythology. Libertas, who represents freedom, is depicted here as a richly adorned female figure. A world-famous "daughter" of Libertas is the Statue of Liberty in New York. In art history, there is a similarly iconic version: Delacroix's barricade painting "Liberty Leading the People" from 1830. It shows her in the form of a half-naked female fighter leading the people towards political emancipation. She seems vulnerable but invincibly charging forward. For Delacroix, freedom is not a state but a goal to be achieved and defended.

Wirth's "Freedom" follows this tradition. His version, executed as a nude, also shows freedom in dynamic movement; here, it also rushes forward. The pose, reminiscent of a finish line, is no coincidence: Wirth shows the goal, well aware of the revolutionary triad that is still unfinished as a project: freedom, equality and - let us call it that at this point - sisterhood.

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