

John Heartfield

1891

19 June: born Hellmuth Stolzenberg in Schmargendorf, near Berlin. His father's surname was Herzfeld.

1916

Helmut Herzfelde assumes the name John Heartfield in protest against the inflammatory slogan 'May God punish England!'.

1917

John Heartfield establishes Malik publishing in Berlin. Soon afterwards his brother Wieland Herzfelde takes over the running of the company. Heartfield determines the artistic profile from the outset.

1920

Attends the First International Dada Fair in Berlin

1924

Creates first photomontage to commemorate the start of the First World War: 'Ten Years On: Fathers and Sons' (*Nach 10 Jahren: Väter und Söhne*)

1930

Starts working with the *Arbeiter-Illustrierte-Zeitung* (AIZ)

1933

Flees to Prague in former Czechoslovakia.

1934

Participates in an international caricatures exhibition at artists' society Mánes in Prague.

1938

Flees Prague for London, England.

1942

Participates in an exhibition at the Freie Deutsche Kulturbund: Allies Inside Germany.

1943

Designs book covers for the publisher Lindsay Drummond and others.

1950

Returns to Germany and settles in the newly established GDR.

1951

Starts collaborating with Bertolt Brecht and Wolfgang Langhoff.

1957

Becomes a member of the Deutsche Akademie der Künste.

1968

John Heartfield dies in Berlin on 26 April.