

Friedrich Seidenstücker, A Young Woman Jumps Over a Puddle (1930)

Abstract

Berlin writer and translator Franz Hessel is remembered as one of the city's greatest flaneurs. In *Spazieren in Berlin* (1929), he commented on women's fashions in the city: "Is what people are beginning to declare so loudly true – that, when it comes to elegance, Berlin's women can compete with the best women in Europe? We don't want to nit-pick about how exactly. It should be enough to see these crowds of young and and even younger girls, this parade of youth and freshness in tight, well-fitting clothes and little hats oozing a lock of hair, the elastic strides of their long legs, to be convinced that Berlin is well on its way to becoming an elegant city." This photograph by Friedrich Seidenstücker (1882-1966), who became known for his Berlin street scenes and for his images of Berlin's post-World War II ruins, shows a fashionably dressed young woman, whose legs clearly attracted the photographer's attention while she jumped over a puddle.

Source



© Bildagentur bpk, Berlin
Kunstmuseum Bonn 2004/18, Bild 11 Friedrich Seidenstücker
Junge Frau beim Sprung über die Pfütze am Bahnhof Zoologischer Garten in Berlin

Source: Young woman jumping over the puddle at Zoologischer Garten station in Berlin. Photographer: Friedrich Seidenstücker, ca. 1930.

bpk picture agency, picture number 20004418. For rights inquiries, please contact Art Resource at requests@artres.com (North America) or bpk-Bildagentur at kontakt@bpk-bildagentur.de (for all other countries).

bpk/ Friedrich Seidenstücker

Recommended Citation: Friedrich Seidenstücker, A Young Woman Jumps Over a Puddle (1930), published in: German History in Documents and Images, <<https://germanhistorydocs.org/en/weimar-germany-1918-1933/ghdi:image-4200>> [March 16, 2026].