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Faith Ringgold  
Weiss Berlin  
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Just a short walk from Kunsthandel Wolfgang Werner, artistic endurance through adversity is a topic that resonates. Weiss Berlin is exhibiting some of the most important works by African American artist Faith Ringgold, including her 2007 painting *Hate is a Sin*, which takes the flag of the Confederate States of America, often flaunted as a symbol of white supremacy, as its starting point. Ringgold must have felt just a pinch of irony when the painting was purchased by the Whitney Museum of Art nearly 50 years after she was racially insulted outside the New York institution during a protest against their failure to show black and women artists. The works exhibited at Weiss span the decades from the 1960s to the 2000s, and represent the range of media and inspiration that Ringgold has employed in her broad, always acute vision of black life in America. The tender, detailed narrative quilts that she began making in the 1970s will be shown alongside marker pen drawings, paintings and sculptures.