

BEN BROWN FINE ARTS

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Candida Höfer: In Italy

May 25th – July 10th, 2010

Private View May 24th, 2010 6 – 8pm

Ben Brown Fine Arts is pleased to announce a solo exhibition of works by internationally-renowned German photographer Candida Höfer running from May 25th to July 10th at Ben Brown Fine Arts (301 Pedder Building, 12 Pedder Street, Central, Hong Kong). Candida Höfer's exhibition will mark the first solo show for the Pedder gallery, following the close of Ben Brown Fine Art's successful pop up exhibition space in ifc mall. Candida Höfer photographs rooms in public places regarded as pivotal centres of cultural life, such as libraries, museums, theaters, universities, as well as historic houses and palaces, most notably the palace of Versailles in France. Each meticulously composed space is marked with the richness of human activity, yet largely devoid of human presence.

Largely hailed by the European vanguards of art as one of the greatest architectural photographers, Höfer's rhythmically patterned images present a universe of interiors constructed by human intention, unearthing patterns of order, logic, and disruption imposed on these spaces by absent creators and inhabitants. The artist rigorously numbers and arranges her works according to size and dimensions, in line with the teachings of the Düsseldorf Art Academy's renowned professors Bernd and Hilla Becher.

"I photograph in public and semi-public spaces that date from various epochs. These are spaces available to everyone. They are places where you can meet and communicate, where you can share or receive knowledge, where you can relax and recover."

Candida Höfer

Candida Höfer – Biography

Candida Höfer lives and works in Cologne. Having completed her training at the Schmölz-Huth Studio, she became a pupil of Bernd and Hilla Becher in 1976, and one can immediately identify in her aesthetics the clear influence of a school of thought and photography privileging the physical spaces and intent on capturing the subtle variations which occur within it. Alongside the other great photographers of the Contemporary era Andreas Gursky, Thomas Struth, Axel Hütte and Thomas Ruff, Candida Höfer belongs to the School of Düsseldorf, a movement known for its neutral and methodical analysis of the spaces which we, as contemporary human beings, inhabit.

Her work has been shown and recognised internationally, including at the Kunsthalle in Basel and Berne, the Louvre, the Irish Museum of Modern Art in Dublin. Candida Höfer has also represented Germany at the Venice Biennale in 2003 and participated in documenta 11 (2002). Many of Höfer's works are represented in major museum and private collections.

Ms. Candida Höfer will be attending the opening exhibition night and is available for interviews.

Ben Brown Fine Arts will also be exhibiting at the Hong Kong Art Fair running from May 27 – May 30, 2010.

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