

BEN BROWN FINE ARTS

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German Photography 1960 – 2012: A Survey

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Private View 29 February 2012, 6-8pm

Ben Brown Fine Arts is pleased to present *German Photography 1960 – 2012: A Survey*, the first exhibition of Germany's leading late 20th and 21st century photographers to be shown in Hong Kong. A range of photographic styles, techniques, media and formats will be presented in the gallery's recently expanded exhibition space, which has nearly doubled in size, located in Hong Kong's historic Pedder Building. The survey presents examples from the *oeuvres* of Germany's most prominent and innovative photographers, including Bernd and Hilla Becher, Thomas Demand, Günther Förg, Andreas Gursky, Candida Höfer, Axel Hütte, Anselm Kiefer, Jürgen Klauke, Astrid Klein, Imi Knoebel, Sigmar Polke, Gerhard Richter, Thomas Ruff, Thomas Struth and Wolfgang Tillmans. The gallery will encourage visitors to spend time not only with the photographs but with the reference books on display to familiarize themselves with all the artists and varying styles of photography to have come out of Germany in the last fifty years.

Many of the artists in the show, including Gursky, Höfer, Hütte, Ruff and Struth, studied together under the tutelage of Bernd and Hilla Becher, perhaps Germany's most influential photographers, who inspired future generations of artists working in conceptual, serial, objective, highly systematic and unsentimental manners. Many of these artists, although having disparate working techniques, influenced each other as well since they often shared studios. All the artists in this exhibition have gained critical acclaim and are exhibited internationally, confirming Germany as a nexus of significant contemporary photography.

About Ben Brown Fine Arts Hong Kong

Ben Brown Fine Arts is a leading international gallery dealing in modern and contemporary art. Ben Brown Fine Arts has two spaces in London and launched the Hong Kong gallery in the historical Pedder Building in 2009. Since its inception, Ben Brown Fine Arts Hong Kong has presented ambitious exhibitions of leading 20th and 21st century artists such as Ron Arad, Miquel Barceló, Candida Höfer, Claude & François-Xavier Lalanne, Heinz Mack and Pablo Picasso, and has offered blue chip works by artists such as Lucio Fontana, Lucien Freud, Damien Hirst, Marc Quinn and Andy Warhol in the backroom.

Our Hong Kong Director, Mr. Andreas Hecker, is a specialist in the field of German photography and is available for interviews.

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