

# The West-Berlin Years Photographs by André Kirchner 1981 through 1990

Opening Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, Introduction Janos Frecot



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To commemorate André Kirchner's sixtieth birthday, the Haus am Kleistpark presents a selection of approximately one hundred of his early black-and-white photographs from the years 1981 to 1990, the majority of which have never before been published.

Matthias Harder wrote about the work of André Kirchner: "Similarly to Franz Hessel a century before him, Kirchner seems to be a restless flaneur in his adopted country. And his main theme, beyond the urban architectural appearance, always remains the city in very concrete terms: Berlin in all its variegated history, with its mineral deposits of time, empty window frames, and dramatic evidence of transformation, which he conveys in subtle, even tender photographic images in dozens of gray."

Kirchner began photographing Berlin more than thirty-five years ago. From the very beginning, the city's history has been a major theme for Kirchner, who came to West Berlin in 1981 as a student and soon resumed his autodidactic pursuits with the camera. Kirchner's subdued photographs of West Berlin's streets and fallow grounds tell the story of the city's history; in an almost casual way, he uses the 35-mm camera to note things he then, from 1988 on, transfers into systematic series taken with a large-format camera. The poetic realism of his photographs simultaneously reveal and conceal what the astonished viewer is able to glean from these well-known street views, which are always taken at eye level.

His book of the same name is published by Edition Braus.

Artist talk and book release (in German language): Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm  
Finissage: Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 4 to 6 pm



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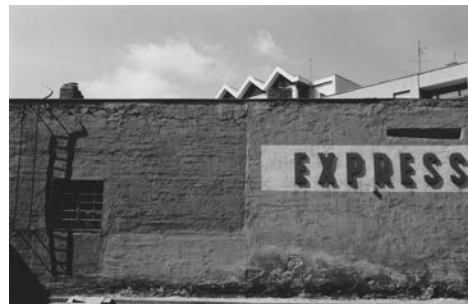
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