

The Completeness of Stars

Photographs by Ulrike Kolb



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In the photographic work of Ulrike Kolb space and object become image. In the current exhibition the artist is showing photographs of the interiors of historical spaces of knowledge: universities, museums, memorial sites, and the objects found therein. The artist places particular focus on the composition of the image and the internally consistent, rhythmic sequence of the photographs within the series.

We see delicate, poetic, and yet strict compositions that are sometimes jarring. But whether we are dealing with three-dimensional models, paintings, or photographs is often difficult to say. Withdrawn from their actual context, these uninhabited, stage-like visions of space lose their sense of physical location. Without any corresponding labels to give them meaning, the function of the photographed objects remains puzzling. The motifs resist any quick classification and become open to new relations and associations.

The places photographed as well as the museum-like staging appear to have fallen out of time right in the middle of their everyday urban lives. And this atmosphere is precisely what Ulrike Kolb aims to record. Another focus of her work is to photograph places of knowledge before they disappear forever, like the Ethnological Museum in Berlin-Dahlem.

Ulrike Kolb studied photography at the Academy of Fine Arts in Leipzig and completed her diploma under the guidance of Prof. Joachim Brohm. Already for her first series of museum photographs she was awarded the Aenne Biermann Prize for Contemporary German Photography in 1999. From 2011 to 2017 Ulrike Kolb was a member of the artist-run Loris Gallery in Berlin. Most recently, at the Museum Berggruen the artist exhibited photographs showing places where the art of Chagal is present in our contemporary everyday life.

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Opening Thu 22.11.2018, 7 pm, Introduction Dr. Susanne Holschbach (in German language)

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