Selection of Works Marianne Halter & Mario Marchisella

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L'Incontro

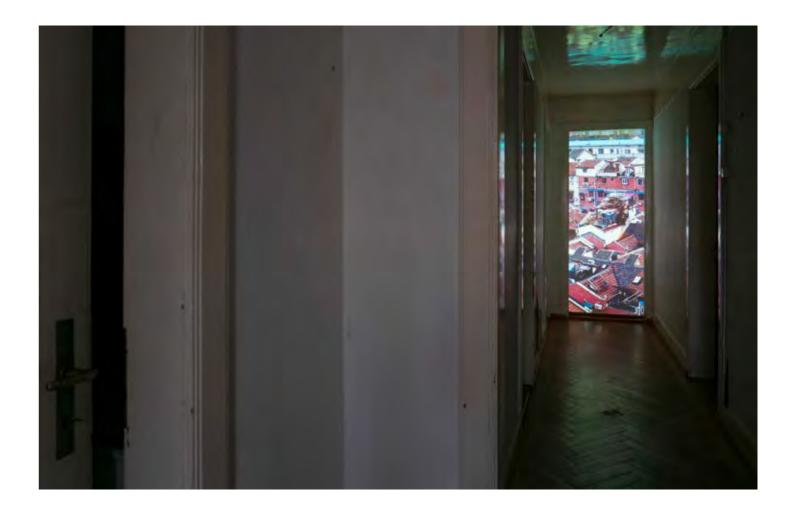
(In english: The Encounter) Installation with 2 video projections (220 x 90 cm) and multi-channel sound in a vacant apartment, 2020 — *exhibition views Kupperhaus Brugg, 2020, images in the last double-page spread* © *Caspar Ruoff* — <u>videolink</u>

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In an empty apartment, the projection of a jumbled roofscape is visible at the end of the corridor. On one of the roofs, a structure rises up, cobbled together from slats, sheet metal, grating and wooden boards, which turns out to be a dovecote. A flock of pigeons flies out of this dovecote several times a day, returning to their home after a few rounds. The historic residential quarter is surrounded by a metropolitan skyline, which only becomes visible through a second projection. For these shots, we followed the wild flight of the pigeons with a hand-held camera. The "image within the image" is technically revealed by the viewer's shadow cast on the double projection – the viewer actively shapes the dramaturgy of the projections through their movements in the space.

The doors within the apartment are only open a crack, allowing a limited view into the rooms. Sounds of audio close-ups from the inner chambers of a dovecote can be heard emanating from the various rooms. Walking along the corridor of the flat, the sounds from the six rooms continually vary: from softly cooing and prancing individual birds to the droning fluttering of dozens of birds inside the dovecote, the question of location arises as a result of the acoustic experience: does the flat itself become a dovecote and are we actually inside its confines, while simultaneously viewing it from the exterior?

Excerpt from Isabel Zürcher's press text: «...their gaze in urban and rural spaces is directed at coexistence, at the besieged and occasionally threatened habitats for humans and animals.... and art thus asks about our own place in a world that does not ensure a refuge for all.»







Opera of Trade and Commerce

Multi-channel video and surround sound installation (6 loudspeakers, 1 video projection and 9 LCD monitors, size variable), 2020 — *exhibition view Haus Konstruktiv, Zurich* — <u>videolink</u>

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Analogous to a music auditorium or classical opera house, the atrium of the Shanghai SEG Electronics Market spreads out before us in a video projection. The angle of view is from the «stage», as it were, towards the «balconies» and «stalls». Occasionally, employees can be seen circulating with parcels that have nearly all been sealed with the

Occasionally, employees can be seen circulating with parcels that have nearly all been sealed with the same type of tape. In contrast to our usual practice of taping just the top of a parcel, in China parcels are often taped on all sides.

The employees have developed virtuoso techniques for this excessive taping and deftly hand-le the tape dispensers, as musicians would use their instruments.





Videos of the finished taped packages are played on sometimes fragmented so they are no longer recogseveral small monitors without showing the taping nizable as the original sound and thus undergo a muprocess itself - this is only revealed through the sound. sical transformation: akin to hip-hop with its typical The cut-out images provide a partial glimpse of vinyl scratches.

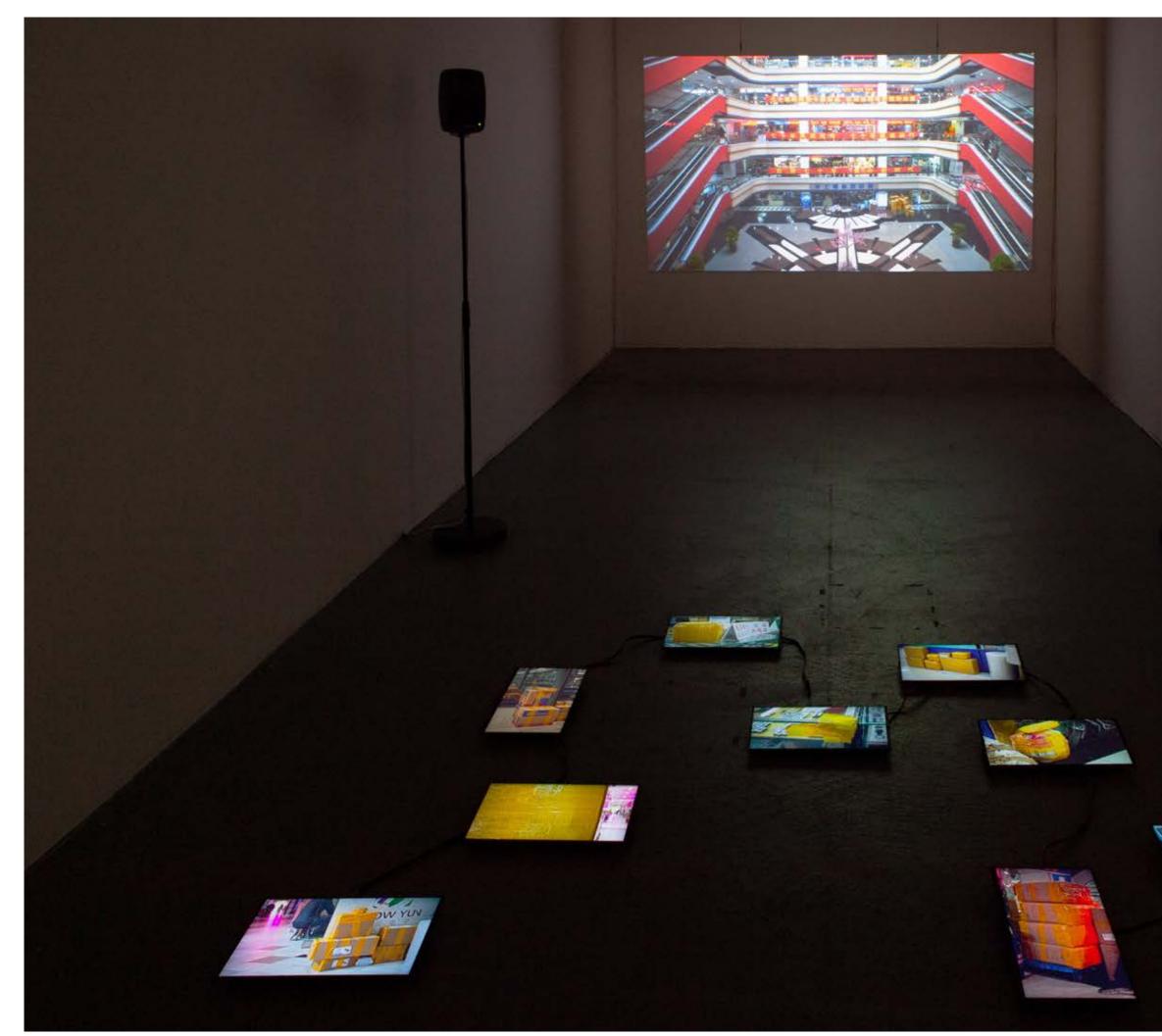
the goods traded in the shops, conveying possible The basic tempo is 60 BPM (beats per minute), clues to the contents of the primitive mini-sculptures. which corresponds to a human resting pulse. When Small electronic parts are sent out all over the world analyzing the field recordings, we noticed that a main the parcels – with the SEG building serving as the jority of the employees applying tape either stick to analogue epicenter of a global mail-order business. this tempo or a multiple of this tempo. As a result, About the composition (duration 6'16"): the individual «performers» seem to unconsciously Audio field recordings made in front of and in-«make music» together in the same basic tempo thside the individual shops were used to create a comroughout the building.

position from these tape sounds - a work of «musique concrète», subscribing to the compositional technique established by Pierre Schaeffer.

It consists exclusively of the original recorded sounds, which have only been trimmed in length, or



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You are my ghost

Diptych, Direct planographic printing / lithography,5-color on BFK Rives handmade paper 300 gmÇ, 2021 Size: 58 cm x 35 cm each Production: Steindruckerei Wolfensberger, Zurich — <u>publishinglink</u>

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The shows two lithographs of video stills taken in a night street situation in Shanghai. A wall on the left, one on the right, behind it an empty huge facade illuminated green by a laser from far away (the highest building in the city). The facade belongs to one of the last remaining residential buildings in the neighborhood where a completely new district will soon be built. The house thus becomes a pièce de résistance typical of the rapidly growing city.







Und weitere Versprechen

(in english: « And further promises») 9 photographs, each 24 x 16 cm, Pigment print on aluminium, 2016

Marianne Halter



The photographs show miniature architectures highly simplified miniature houses - that serve as claddings for above-ground distribution connections of water pipes in Elba.





















Das Versprechen

(in english: «the promise») Photographs: pigment print on photorag,110 x 165 cm and 38x 25cm,. both framed. Object: 2 Car rear view mirror, stenciled text, acrylic pain: Edition 5 – Installation views Galerie Apropos, Luzern, 2015 Fotografie folgende Seite oben links: Stefano Schröter

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Rest or Stay

Multi-part installation, 2019

consisting of: A) pavilion (approx. 2x4x2 meters/ wood, black vinyl foil, green plastic foil, aluminium tubes, LED light, 3 stools) video (HD, 4'26'', loop) on LED monitor, with sound B) video projection with sound (loop, 9'16'') C) neon light — *Installation views Kunstraum Kreuzlingen, 2019* video1 — video2

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Background "Rest or Stay" is derived from the price listings for so-called love hotels, which can be found in large Asian cities (here in Tokyo). There are two rate systems: "rest" from one hour or "stay" from around four hours. For reasons of discretion, the entrances of the hotels are covered with a paravent-like screen to prevent direct views into the interior. The buildings are often windowless or the windows are blind. Many hotels have car parks with a slatted screen at the entrance to protect the anonymity of customers when they get in or out of their cars.

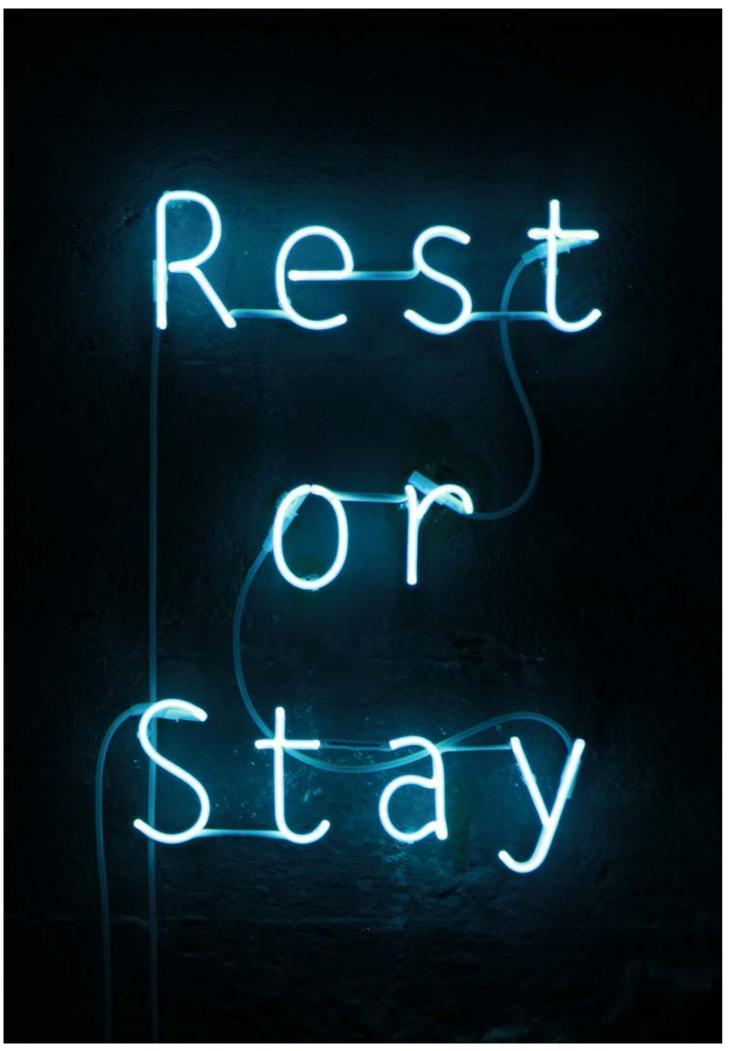
Love hotels are not brothels, even though they are also used by prostitutes. They are typically visited by couples of all ages who, due to precarious private living conditions, switch an outside location in order

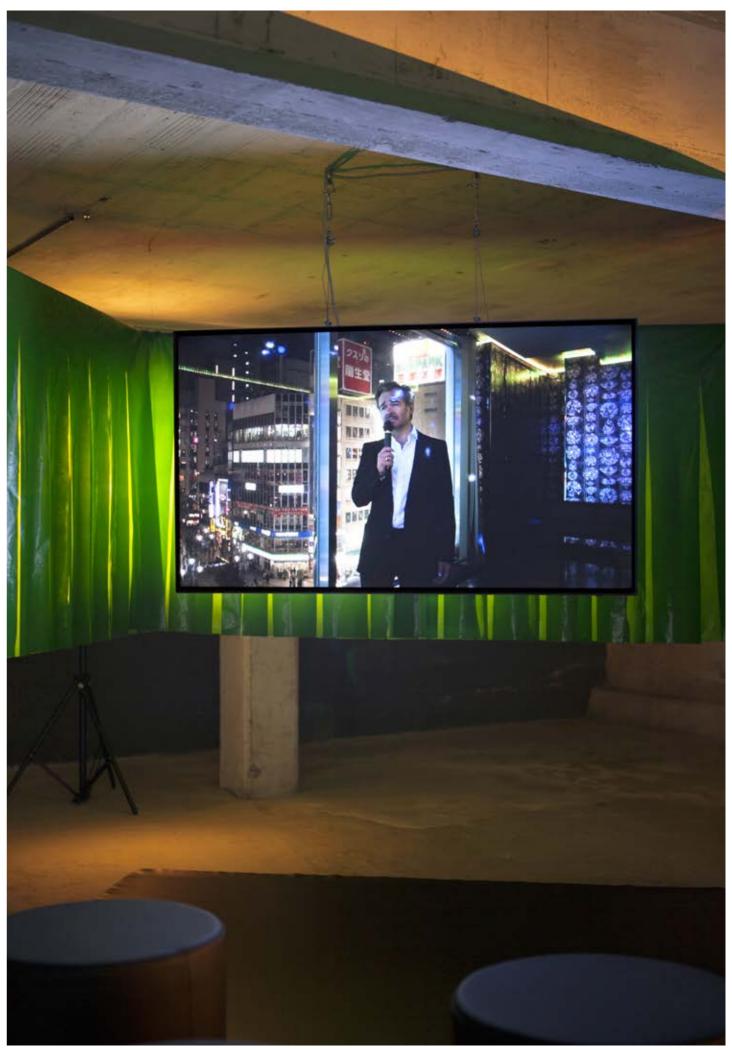


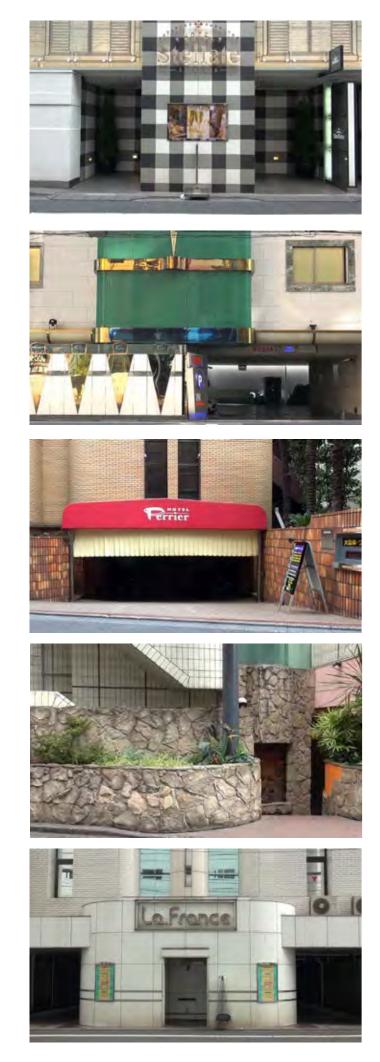
to be undisturbed as a couple, but also simply for a fun change of pace. The rooms are equipped with all kinds of technology (whirlpool, TV, video consoles, karaoke) or even themed (cartoon and science fiction), and offer guests freedom and a temporary "stage" where they can indulge in their fantasy of choice.

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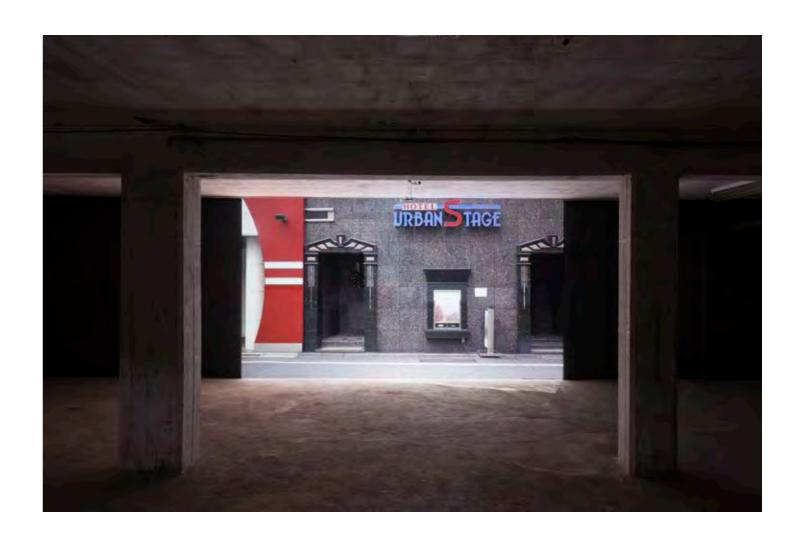


The neon sign «Rest or Stay» in the entrance area of the exhibition space is formally based on the threeline Japanese poetry of haikus.

On the opposite wall, a floor-to-ceiling video projection shows tableau-like views of the facades and car park entrances of the love hotels during the day. No people are visible, but minimal movement can be detected amidst the surrounding vegetation and through the plastic slats of the parking garages. Sounds of the city are faintly audible throughout the exhibition space.

The walk-in pavilion makes architectural reference to the car park entrances. The materials used are all artificial. The black stools seem to grow out of the vinyl floor. When sitting in the pavilion, the viewer watches a screen, invisible from the outside, on which a video is playing. It shows a cutaway image of a room with a window front looking down to the city at night. Japanese TV commercials play in the background, and after some time a figure dressed in a black suit appears and a karaoke song starts to play. With the beginning of «Love Me Tender», the illumination changes to a colorful atmospheric light and the figure begins to sing. Whether there is an audience present and for whom the song is sung remains undetermined. After the performance, the lights change once more and the TV commercials start and the figure leaves, but then after a while appears again and sings the same song – again and again.

The song mixes with the city noise outside the pavilion and creates a romantically melancholic soundtrack that contrasts with the sober daytime shots of the hotel facades.



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The neon object «Rest or Stay» is formally baseon the three-line Japanese poetry of the so-called haikus. Haikus are considered the shortest form of poetry in the world; outside Japan, they are notated on 3 lines in translations. The main characteristics of haikus are concreteness and reference to the present.

Lyrically, «Rest or Stay» is derived from the price tags of so-called Love Hotels, which are found in large Asian cities. There are 2 tariff systems: for short stayers (rest from one hour) or for normal users (stay from about 4 hours). The eco-



nomistic-unpoetic aspect of these hotels and this language is paired with the longing and the promise of intimacy - highly condensed in the neon object with only one word per line.

Debütantenball

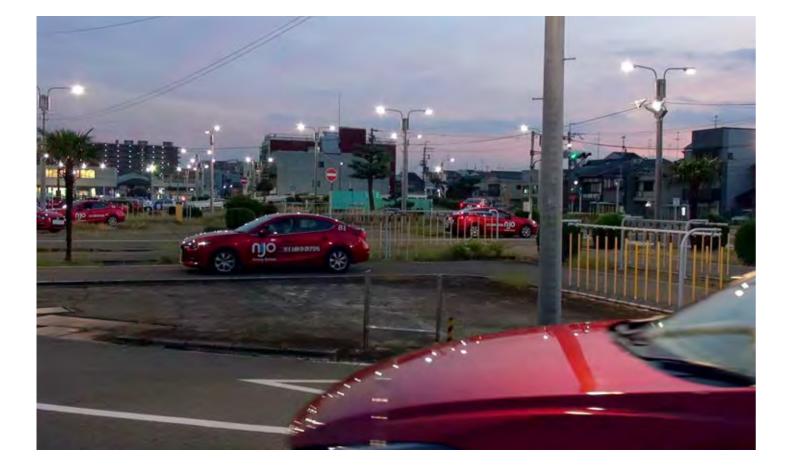
(in english: « debutant ball ») Video sculpture/ mini-projection on white pedestal, 1-channel video, HD, 3'26", without sound, looped 2019 - exhibition view LOKAL14, Zurich 2019 — videolink

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«...in a distorted video presentation, uniform cars the usual architectural miniaturizations: the edges of move back and forth hesitantly as if choreographed the streets are accurately planted, there are small palm in the piece 'Debutante Ball'. The title suggests that trees, perfectly trimmed bushes and the slow (unmanipulated) speed of the cars gives the impression of there are no experienced veterans involved here... » a model landscape. As if remote-controlled, the ve-Press text by Michael Nitsch hicles «sway» meditatively over the asphalted dance A driving school's practice ground in the middle floor. The soundless video is projected onto an empty pedestal with a mini-projector.

of a Japanese city, illuminated by floodlights, is transformed into a special stage in the evening: the marked-out area is reminiscent of a mini-golf course with





Souvenir (from the «New York Earth Room»)

Installation of earth (earth, peat, bark in glass cube), pedestal, 3 photos as collage framed, lined sheet with blue ink framed, original handout framed, audio player (audio loop 3'14"), headphones, chair (2019) - Installation views LOKAL 14, Zurich, 2019

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The work «Souvenir» is based on an action, which was captured by an audio recording and securing of original material (earth). In addition, the scene was photographed.

The viewer becomes an acoustic witness / accomplice of an action: The viewer follows a person visiting 141 Wooster Street, New York, where The New York Earth Room" (1977) by Walter De Maria can be seen on the first floor.

First, the person on the street in front of the building activates the doorbell, the door opens, the person climbs the stairs, pauses in front of the artwork, steals earth and puts it in his jacket pocket, he leaves the installation, climbs down the stairs and steps out of the building again onto the street.

The action was recorded with an audio recorder and the installation itself - contrary to the house rules - documented with three photos. The earth is owned by the two artists. Despite these indications, it remains open whether the action ever took place in this way.







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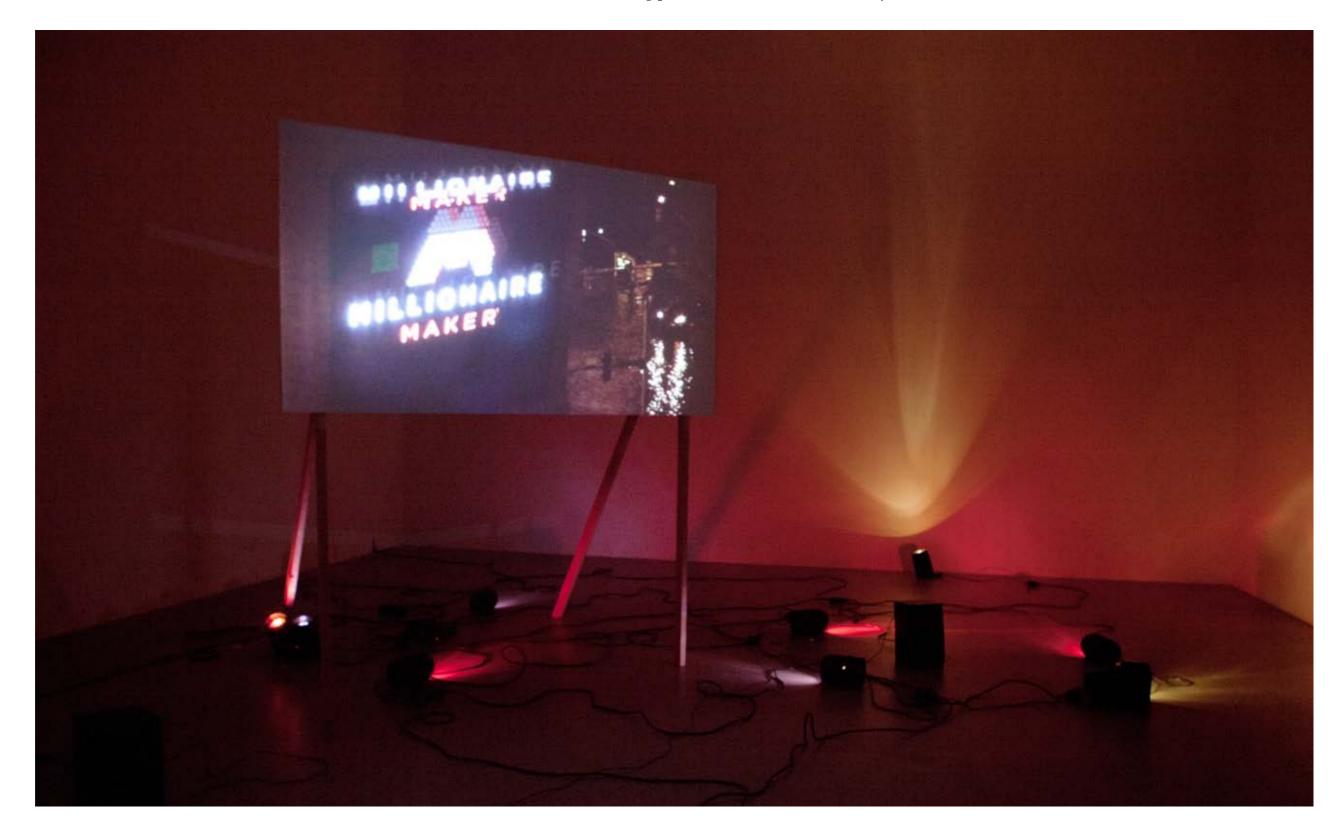
Showtime

Installation with 1-channel video, HD, 19 min. 34 sec., projection onto a freestanding wooden billboard and interactive lighting consoles, 2017, music: Mario Marchisella, words: based on Rainer Maria Rilke's poem «The Carousel» — *Exhibition view Kunsthaus Aarau, 2017* videolink

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In the large scale video installation «Showtime», we witness how a colourful world of advertising promising (eternal) happiness is brought to a near collapse through external circumstances – a thunderstorm. It is not clear if the people who are present and likewise affected by the storm experience the spectacle as a potential danger or merely as a temporary disruption of their mobility.

The installation with a freestanding, set-like projection surface takes up the idea and form of the advertising platform and three-dimensionally extends



the highly zoomed «flat» image into the surrounding space. In combination with cheap party lighting consoles, which are irregularly arranged on the floor both in front of and especially behind the projection surface, a feedback results between the flashing LED advertising panel in the video (exterior) and the light bulbs blinking in time with the music in the exhibition space. The city, which is scarcely visible in the projection, is thus given its own resonating space.



The video shows a zoomed-in nighttime scene of an intersection flooded with knee-high water. Cars and people try to make their way through the mass of water. The left half of the image contains a huge illuminated LED advertising sign, which occasionally malfunctions. The fragmented disruptions cause abstract compositions of images and colours to suddenly appear in the middle of the concrete advertising images, in some cases recalling the forms of constructivist painting. The precarious situation is further dramatized by deceleration and an especially composed soundtrack.

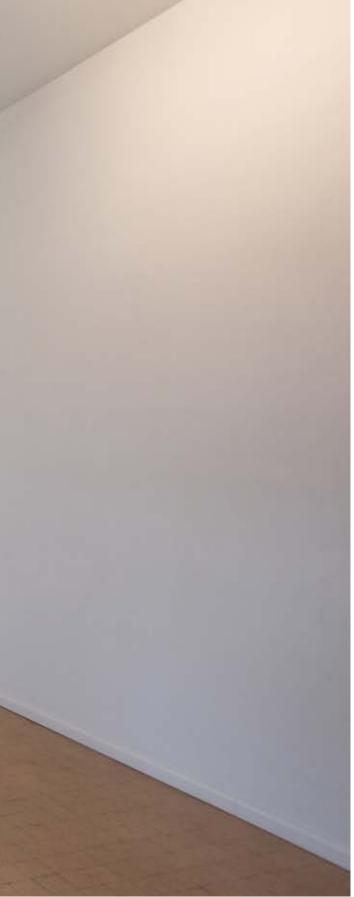
The latter consists of a song which, like the slow motion in the video, is extended on the time axis, though here with the compositional means of music: distorted noise-like segments directly linked to the faulty electronic switching of the LEDs alternate with softly sung quiet passages and wildly spinning instrumental parts. The soundtrack plays with the various speeds and forces within the scene while fusing the staged environment with the real world.

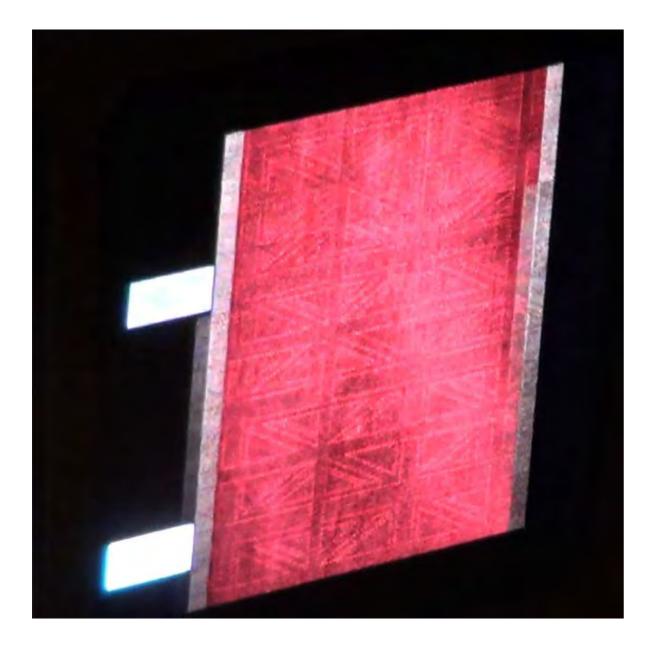


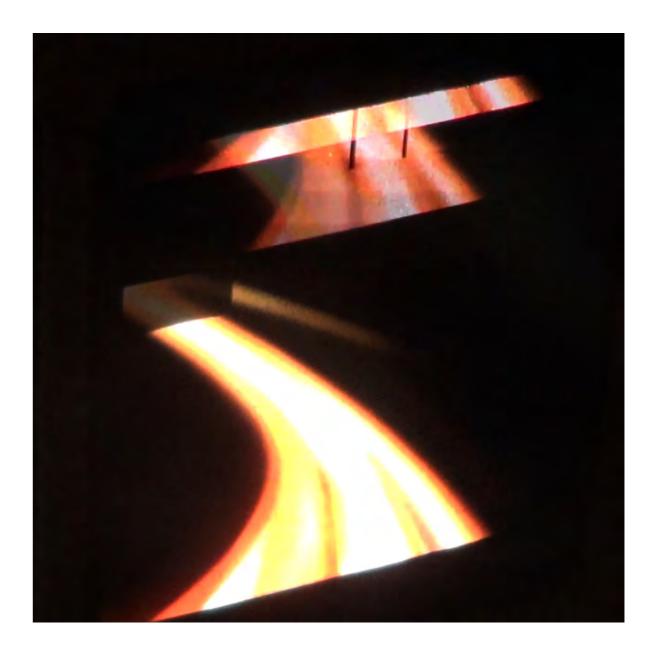
Video stills, # 1–9 lightfast inkjet prints, 90 x 90 cm, 2019

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Da gibts einen Ort (II)

(in English: «... there is a place») Installation with video projection (min 3x 1,65m) and color pencil drawing on paper, mounted with distance onto the wall (1x 1,2m), 2018 — Installation view Kunstmuseum Luzern videolink

Marianne Halter

The video projection shows a ride along a burnt forest, the speed of the ride varies, sometimes the tree trunks almost fly by and then the camera glides leisurely over the landscape.

In the middle of the black and white video image, a second smaller image can be seen, the edges of a piece of paper drawing fine shadows into the projection. A light pastel-coloured drawing shows the façade of a house whose windows are blind. A lawn and a path are indicated.

The house blends almost perfectly into the landscape (of the video), sometimes it seems as if the house was placed on a hill, then only the gable behind the hill looks out or the house takes off.

The horizon rises and falls and the precarious landscape passes us, while the house seems to remain motionless at the same height with us.





Apedromo

(in english: «Beedrome») Dynamic audio installation with 3 beehives (6 honey bee hives, 3 bee colonies) 4 stadion speakers and 1 checkered flagg, ca. 350 x 120 m — Installation views in Wanna, Pics: Ueli Alder, Art Safiental 2018 — videolink

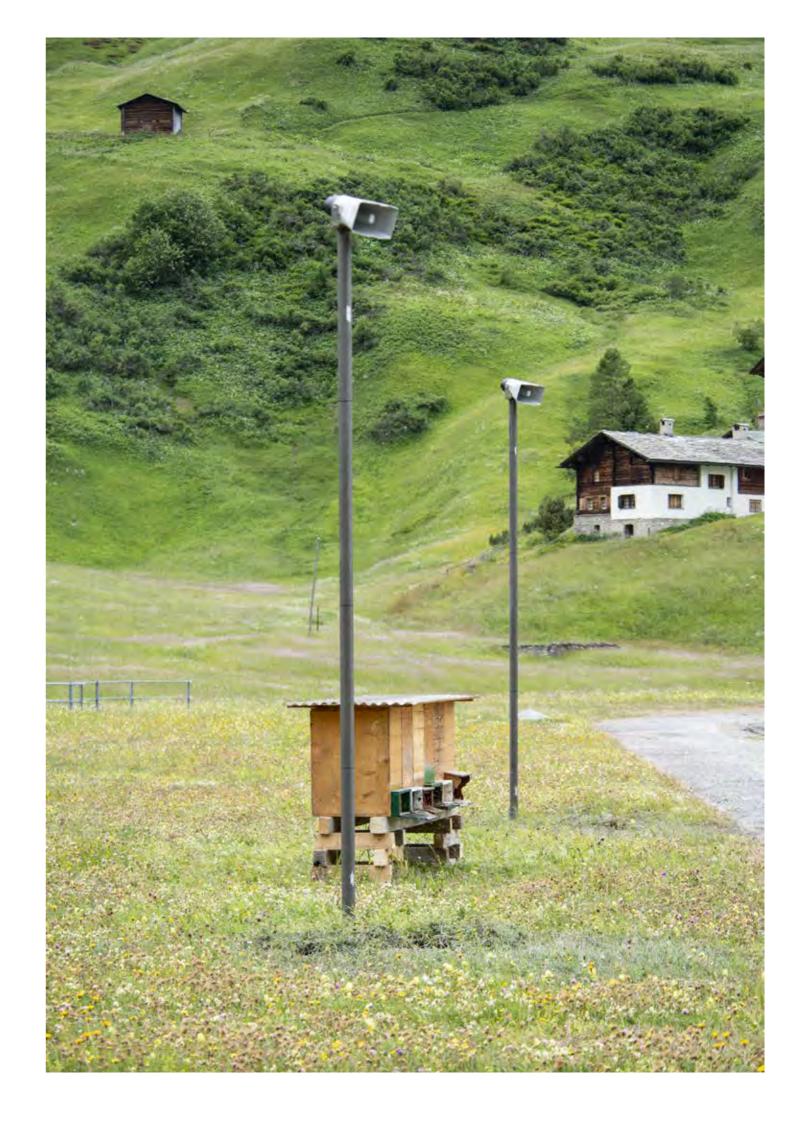
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The backwater reservoir of the power stations near Wanna (rear Safiental) with its sloping walls is reinterpreted as an autodrome (racetrack) by means of an acoustic intervention:

On the one side of the basin, we place honeybee bees from wood, which are inhabited by bee colonies, in the lawn near the «racetrack».

In each loot box, a microphone is installed, which transmits the activity of the bees inside the box live on 4 stadium announcement loudspeakers. The sound of the autodrome with the hum of the bees evokes the impression of engine hum and car racing.







... weil sie das Ende nicht an den Anfang zu knüpfen vermögen

(in english: «... because they cannot link the end to the beginning.»)

Audio installation with portable record players of different types and from various periods (dimensions variable), postcard, 2017 — *Exhibition view Haus Konstruktiv Zürich* — <u>videolink</u>

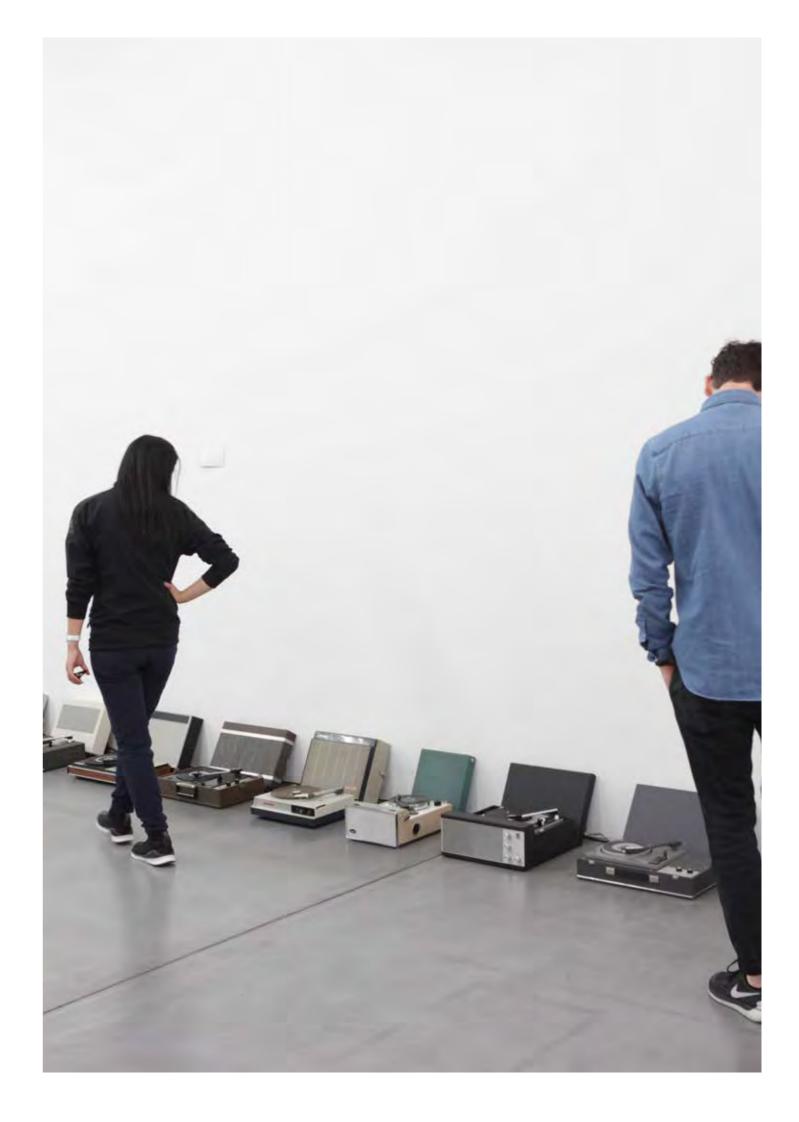
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Different record players are arranged in a row along a wall. Each record player is continuously running at different speeds: 16, 33, 45 or 78.

There are no records on the turntables. The needles of the tone arms touch the exposed rubber mats, which normally serve as pads for the records – the emerging and amplified scraping noises generate a chorus of rushing sounds, creating the illusion of crashing waves. An unwritten postcard is pinned to the wall behind the installation. Only the caption on the back of the postcard indicates the unseen subject on the front, which depicts a location on the Riviera di Ponente.

The different designs of the record players, the materiality of the rubber mats and the range of speeds produce an ostinative heterogeneous body of sound, like that of a string ensemble alternating between different playing techniques: sul ponticello (on the bridge), sul tasto (on the fingerboard), col legno (with the wooden side of the bow) etc. All the while, the focus is not on making beautiful, melodious tones, but rather on the diverse cacophony of sounds.





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FINE

(in english: «THE END») Video installation, 4 min.33 sec., endless loop,

silent, 2017 — Performance with 6x1.5 litre bottles of San Benedetto mineral water — <u>videolink</u>

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On a large public square in an Italian city, one sees from above how people meander about, cluster together to pose for photos, feed pigeons or have a picnic. After a while, a figure in a black suit appears in the upper left edge of the frame. He begins to walk across the square with a purposeful stride, leaving dark stripes on the pavement by pouring out water. These markings gradually take the shape of large alphabetic letters. While writing, the character walks with his own rhythmic choreography, deviating from the tempo of the aimless strolling movements made by other passers-by. After a few minutes, the word FINE becomes apparent and the figure disappears off to the lower right edge of the scene.

Due to the oversized scale, the action is not «readable» for the people on the square. Their reactions, in turn, are not clearly recognizable for the viewer due the long distance. The word FINE lingers in view for a few moments like a prophecy, a wish or a curse – it remains open as to what this end is referring to.

The film is silent. The soundtrack is provided by the rattling of the projector, which serves as the mechanical metronome for the pacing figure.



North South

Installation with 4 Backlits, each 50 x 50 cm, mountedon 4 sides of a illuminated glass cube in public space — *Installation view Brutkasten Brugg, 2015*

Marianne Halter





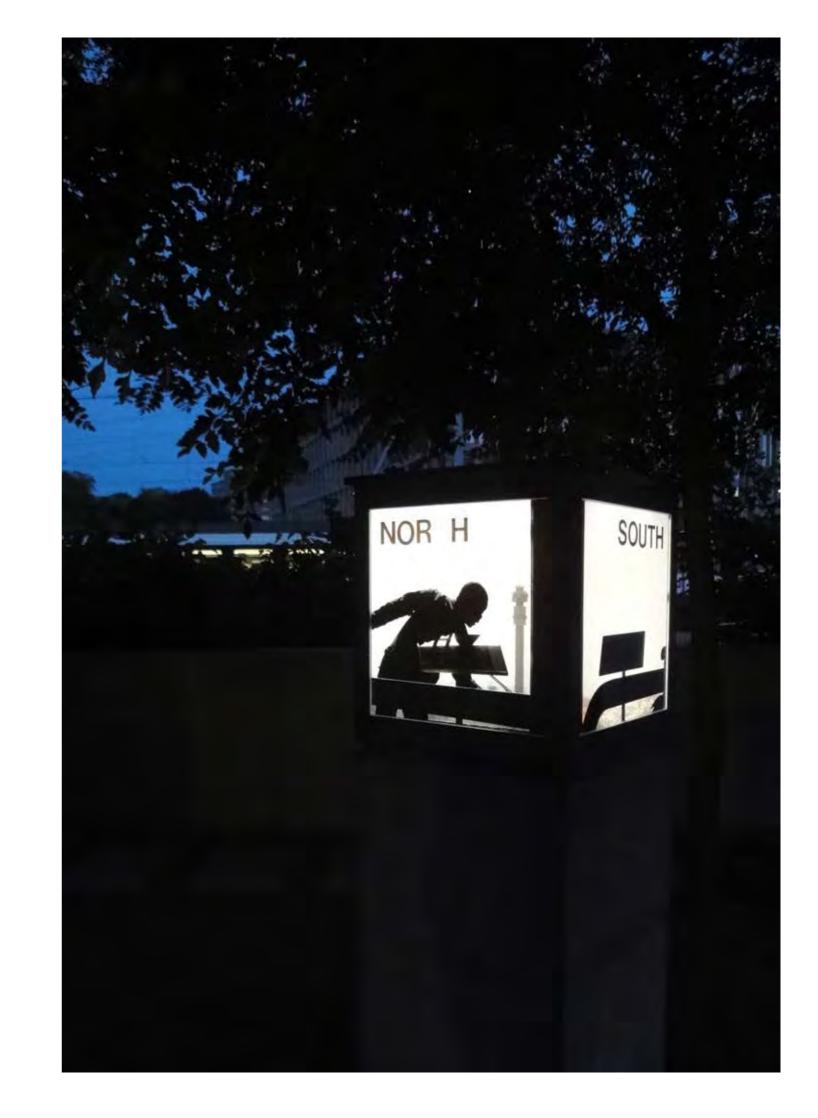


«People look from an observation tower high above the city into the distance. The environment cannot be determined more precisely, a veil draws itself before the horizon, perhaps smog. There is a tower with an antenna at the point where north and south meet. Because what would otherwise meet each other as a contradiction comes together in the incubator: North and south, view from outside and inside, viewer and figure of art.

In the 19th century Caspar David Friedrich became famous with his back figures: figures that turn their backs on the viewer's back, immersed in a view of vast expanses. In Marianne Halter's installation, the idyll is missing, and people are perhaps more likely to be employees than visitors; one of them cleans the windows, the word North lacks a letter.

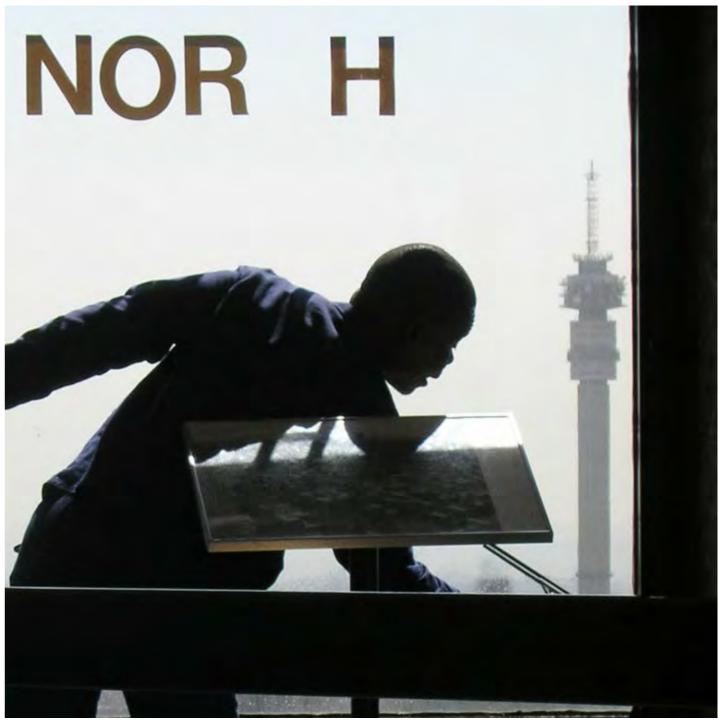
Nevertheless, they attract the gaze, inevitably the observer steps to her side, follows her gaze out into the distance, into the shining interior of the incubator.»

Excerpt from a text by Cornelia Bauer, May 2015









Hin und zurück!

(in english: «there and back!») 1-channel video, HD, with sound, continuous loop, 2014 — presented as a video sculpture in a wooden box, the inside painted in black and erected on a stand — Installation views Chateau Hornegg, Zürich und Antiquariat Harsch, Winterthur (Bild: Esther Mathis) — Videolink

Halter & Marchisella

The title of the piece refers to the same-named *miniature oper*a of Paul Hindemith.

An empty outdoor space in the night, illuminated only by a streetlamp. A pale beam of light forms an island in the blackness. From the darkness, footsteps can be heard. A figure appears, wearing a black concert suit, white shirt and black bowtie.

It enters the beam of light, accompanied by the restrained applause of a large concert audience. The figure acknowledges the applause and bows down before retreating back into the darkness. In the loop, the action becomes a continually recurring entrance and exit.







Pferde über Wiese

(in english: «Horses above Grassland») 1-channel Video, HD, with sound, continuous loop, 2013 — analogous to a landscape painting the display is wall-mounted — videolink

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presented as video sculpture with projection, wooden box, 96 x 54 x 175 cm, painted black inside, erected on folding trestle

A hill, a meadow, a few trees off in the distance, chirping crickets.

A faint, deep rumble can be heard and a figure appears on the horizon. It is riding a bicycle down a hill, dragging some sort of box-like object behind it. The rumble grows louder and more present as the figure on the bicycle gets closer. The tramping and whinnying of horses mix with the noise of the squeaking bicycle and the dull thud of the box, which turns out to be an erratically bouncing loudspeaker, the source of all the noise.

The figure curves towards the viewer, the band of horses and the figure rushing by us in a brisk gallop, disappearing into the corner of the frame and then reemerging a short time later on top of the hill.





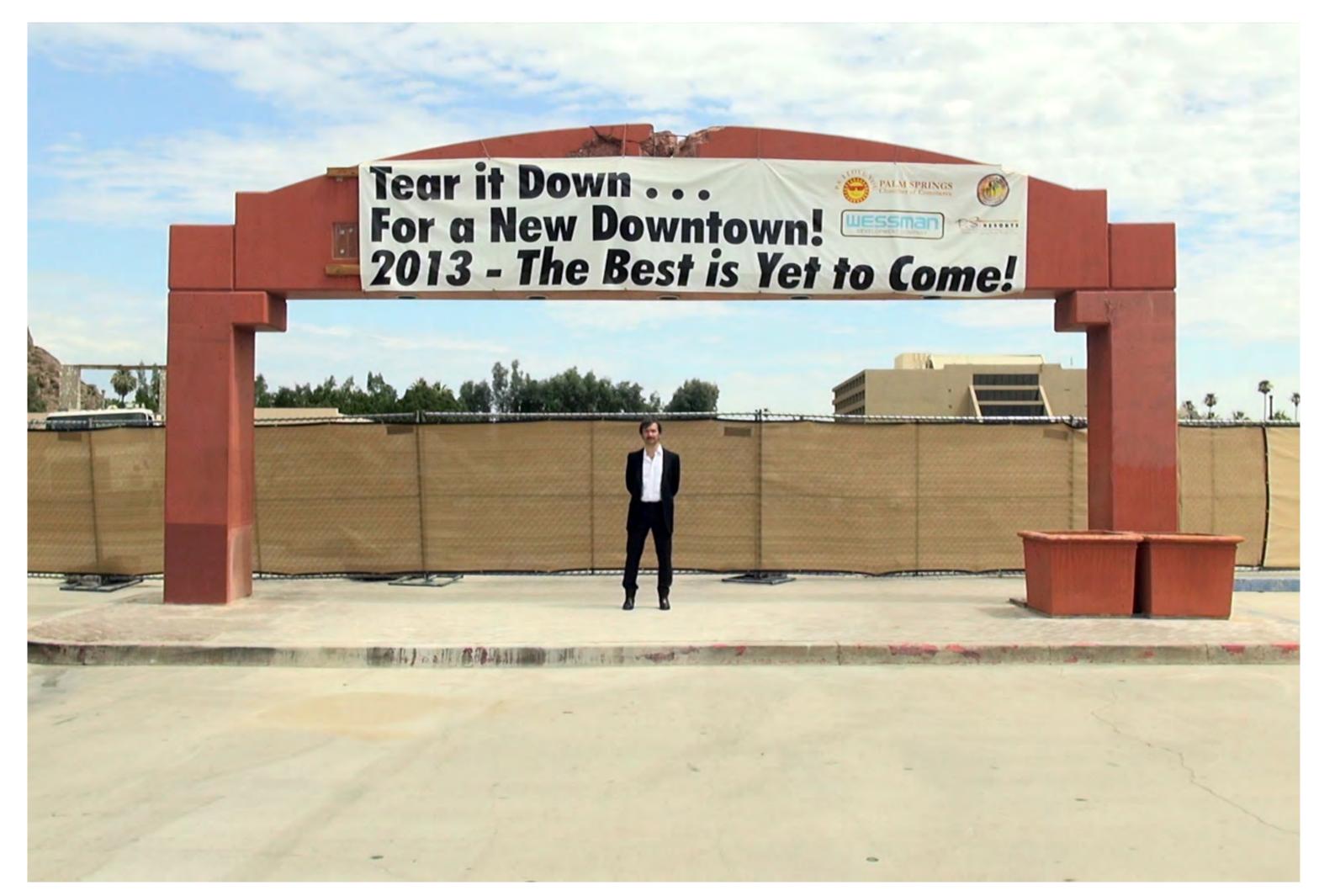
The Best is Yet to Come

2-channel video installation, HD, with sound, video sequences of 8 min. each, looped and projected onto two freestanding billboard–like walls, 2013, music: Ennio Morricone and Mario Marchisella — *Exhibition view Helmhaus Zürich*, 2014 — videolink

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The camera then shifts from the arch to a close-up The right image shows a figure in a black suit standing under a «pseudo-historical» arch, somewhere of the figure's eyes while the other image shows the in the midst of a wasteland. Except for the dramatic same figure performing three different actions at soundtrack and genre-like montage, suggestive of a iconic locations of the "Wild West". The figure thus western showdown, the whole scene and the figure attempts to approach the respective environment, remain immobile - as though the figure has absorgoing about its efforts with purposeful self-assuranbed all action, outside time and place. An advertising ce – in contrast to the left image, the figure here seeks banner on the arch proclaims: «Tear it down....for a to become active. new downtown! The best is yet to come!» The simultaneous projection on the left side shows a desert landscape slowly descending into twilight.





Trophäen – Bilder aus der Reihe «Grenzland» Nr. 1–168

(in english: «Trophies - Images from the Series Frontierland No. 1-168») Ongoing work, installation with 6 old glasscabinets and 168 pigment prints on cardboard (each 7,5 x 11 cm) — *Installation view gallery Christinger De Mayo, 2013*

Marianne Halter

I have chosen from the slide collection of my many travels image sequences that are presented in 6 glass cabinets by the title of «Frontierland». In the rows can be seen recurring motives and at-

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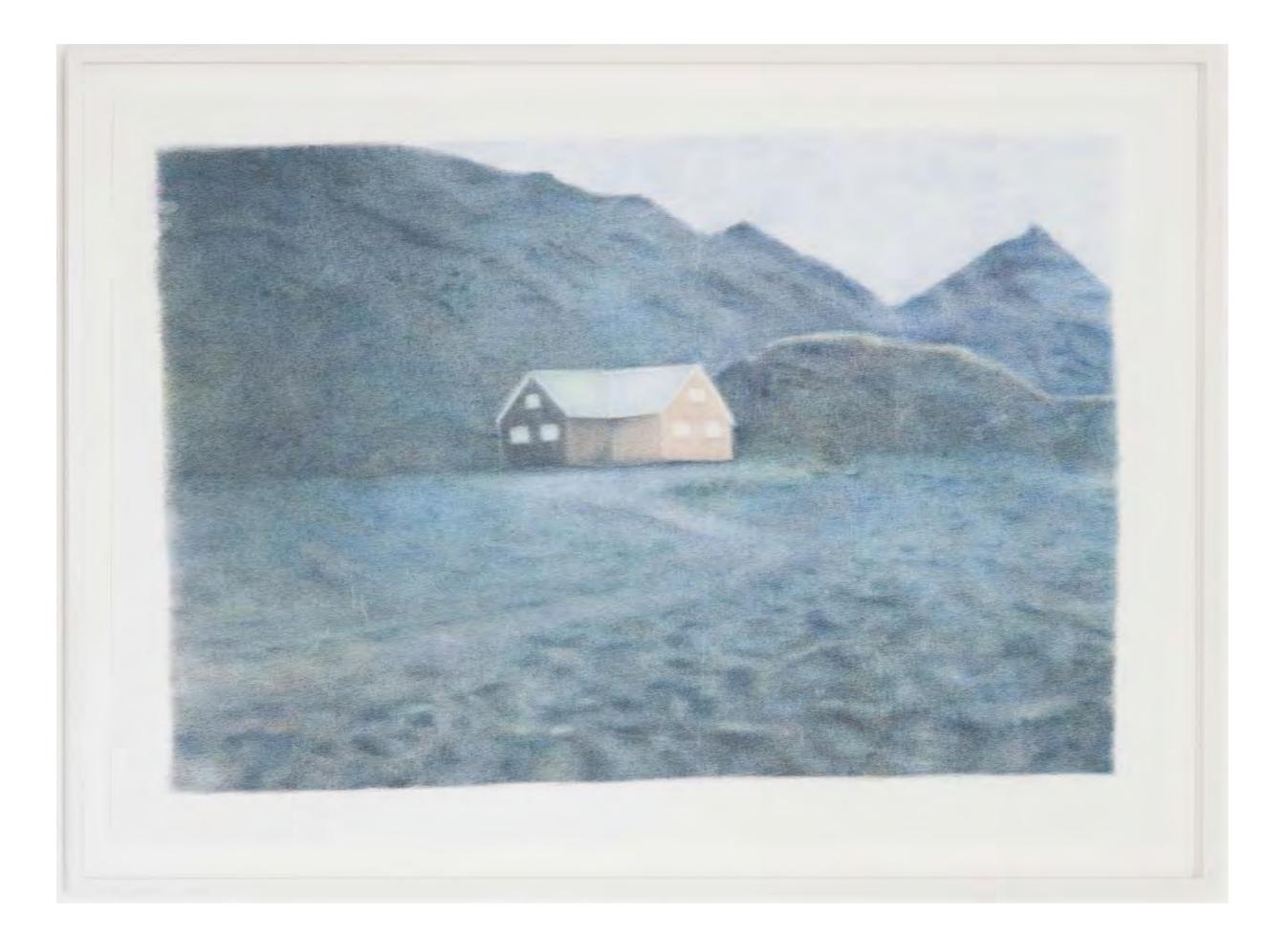
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Irgendwo ist nicht nirgendwo

(in english.: «everywhere is nowhere») Drawings from an ongoing series, crayon on paper, 100 x 125 cm, framed, 2010 – 2013, Formats: 100 x 125 cm, 31 x 39 cm, 96 x 131 cm etc. — Exhibtion view Galerie Christinger De Mayo, Zürich











Aus der Reihe Verlorene Monumente, Nr. 1

(in english: «Lost Monument No. 1» Colour pencil wall drawing, staged after a found image, ca. 2x3m, 2015 — *Installation view Esszimmer Bonn, 2015*

Marianne Halter

The wall drawing was based on the picture of a house in China that had been demolished in the meantime. Although the owner refused to sell his property, the planned road was built around the house as planned. The coloured pencil drawing, which was repainted after the exhibition, is the prelude to a series of wall drawings.

This involves the temporary performance of images from different «Nail Houses» - the drawings



are placed in relation to the spatial situation of the respective exhibition location and thus temporarily as if they were part of it. Since the surroundings of the house are only hinted at, real space and pictorial space are intertwined. Depending on the texture of the respective wall, the drawing appears more or less rasterized and seems to flicker from a certain distance or dissolve into lines and colours.

Daheim ist's gut

title in English: «there is no place like home» Installation: wooden monitor with text animation on digital frame (10 x 10 x 15 cm), carpet (dimensions variable, depending on the room situation) and skirting, 2012 — *Exhibtion view Gallery Christinger De Mayo, Zürich, 2013*

Marianne Halter

The whore enters quickly but leaves slowly

A bad person is better then an empty house

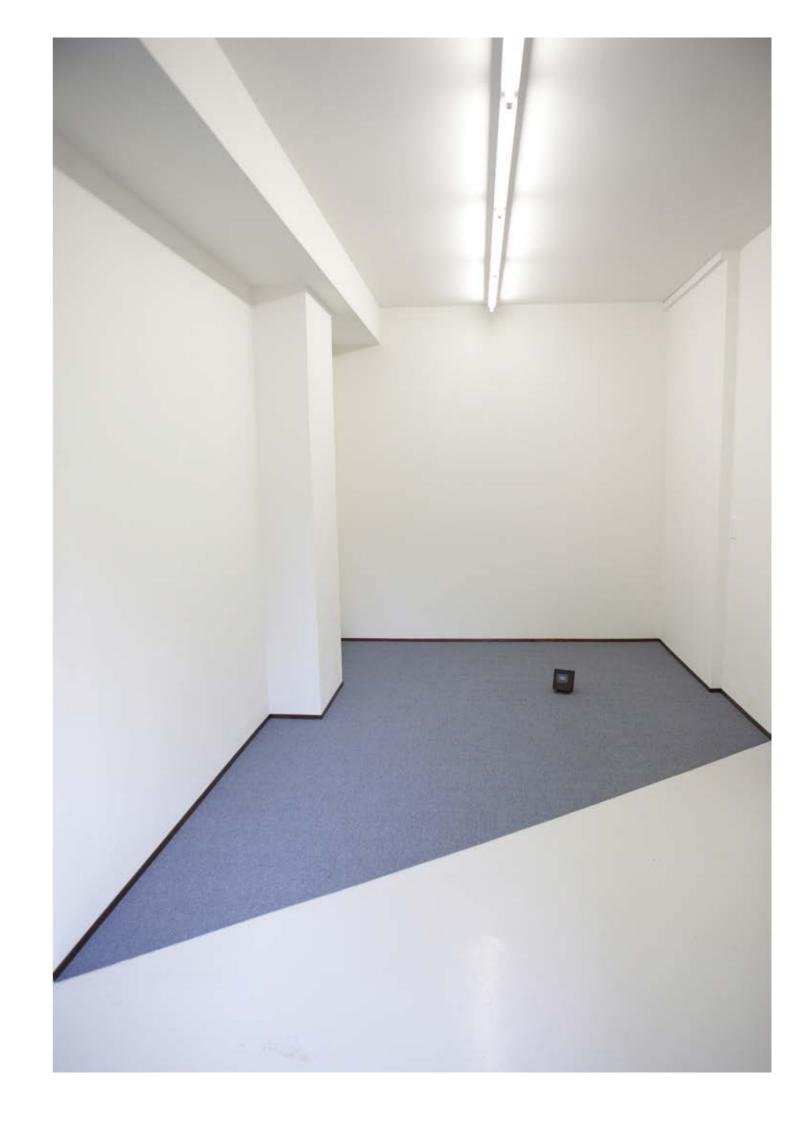
The best thing you can bring back home from travelling is an intact skin

> Saint Florian, spare this house, ignite another

If you build a house, someone else will look out the window

One owns herd is golden: even poor, it warms the same The text animations on the monitor combine house inscriptions and collocations from different cultures and times – always referring to the concept of the house, the home or the homeland. The different phrases appear for a short period just to change abruptly to the next saying.

The monitor is situated on the carpet or the exhibition hall floor and therefore the visitors have to kneel down if they want to read the collocations.





Frontierland

Video installation: video 4min30, loop, 2011 Format Montage: Cinemascope, looped — Installation view « OFF Spaces», Genf, projection in an empty rail wagon, following pages: video stills — videolink

Marianne Halter

«The artist refers with regards to content to the frontier in the long settled and cultivated West of the states but in Disneyland Paris - in fact as an aridea, which was influenced by American history, of tificially staged wild landscape scenery for a peaceful the frontierland - where civilisation ends and untafamily outing. The journey through the frontierland med nature begins. The myth of the conquest and settlement of this frontierland is the basis for the is projected onto the window front of the room like a American Western that was celebrated in uncounpanorama image, in three time-delayed camera rides table Hollywood movies and still persists unquesthrough the wild coulisse landscape.» Koni Bitterli, 2011 tioned today. Yet Marianne Halter doesn't find her







Rear window

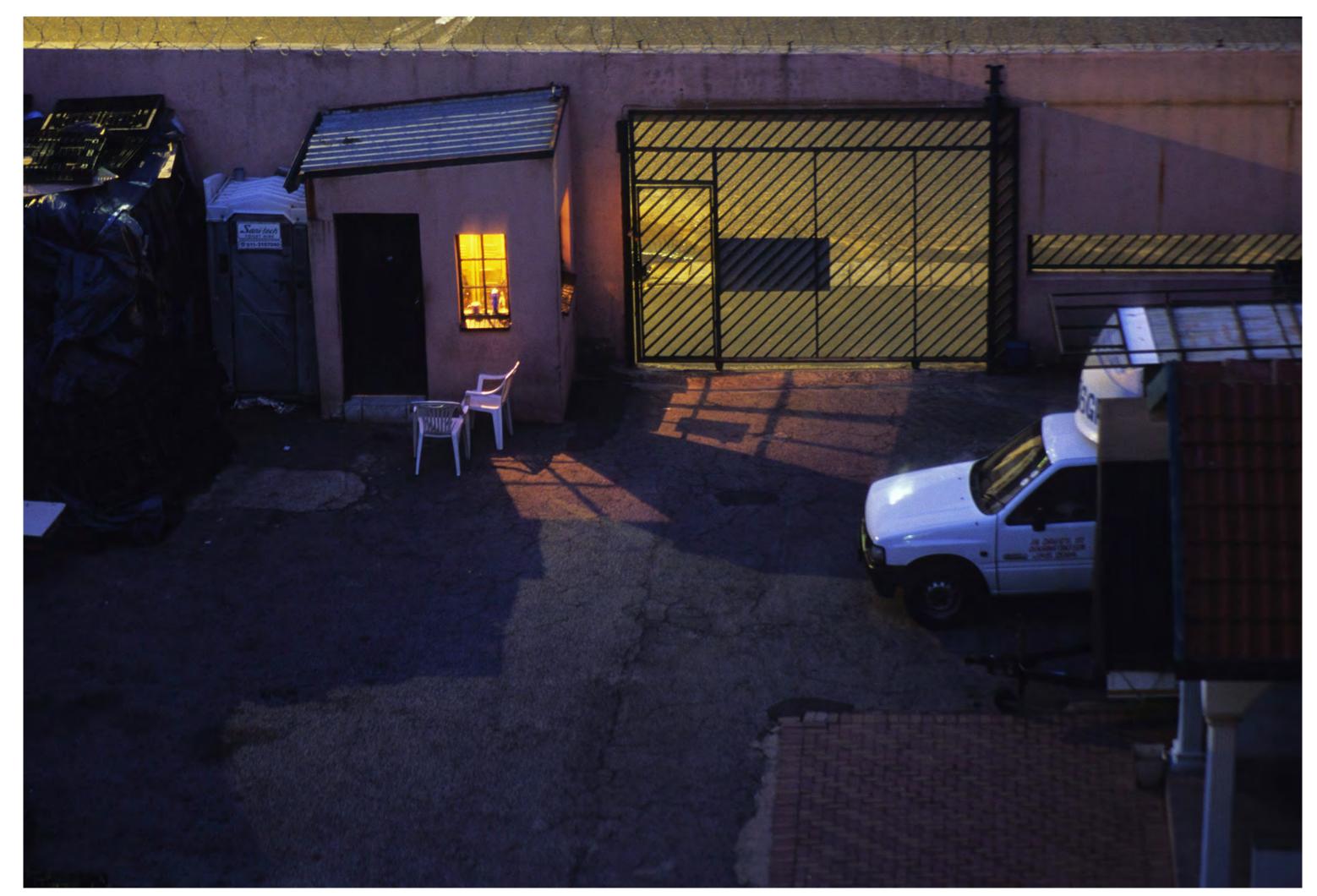
Installation with 70 slides – projected/looped – and inkjet print on wooden setting (approx. 200 x 300 cm), 2011 — *Exbition view Fotoforum, Centre PasquArt Biel, 2011*

Marianne Halter

The slideshow in the installation shows an «around the clock» observation of a courtyard with a wall, barbed wire and an electric gate being controlled from a booth by a guard day in and day out.

The visitor of the exhibition stands in front of the inkjet print of the booth in life size plotted onto a wooden setting which can be entered. Through the door of the booth falls light – a slide show depicting the booth now in its original context. The 70 images are chronologically organised like the routine of the day. They are looped and only accompanied by the clicking noise of the projector.





















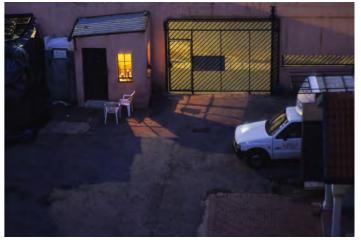














Endstreet

Video installation: projection on a canted board, 4min45, loop, 2011 — *Installation view Helmhaus Zürich* — <u>videolink</u>

Marianne Halter

«It is a nightly view form above onto a street scene. The perspective finds itself repeated in the projection screen which leans diagonally against the wall of the exhibition space. The observing video stills evoke the different vantage points of a security camera and a zoom produces different proximity or distance which form a construct through their two dimensionality almost a constructive space. The room experiences motion through light, which starts flickering, turns on or changes. An autonomous audio track resounds from the back with chirping crickets and a foreign man's voice between sprechgesang and sermons.

Life happens outside of the image, there are only traces which are visible. It is a highly precise choreography of the every day, where image and sound appear and disappear as actors on a stage, who evoke in the observer's imagination memories of a familiar yet at the same time foreign space. A score of light and noise in a strict frame that creates an atmospherically dense and emotionally charged expanse.» Pietro Mattioli, Juli 2011



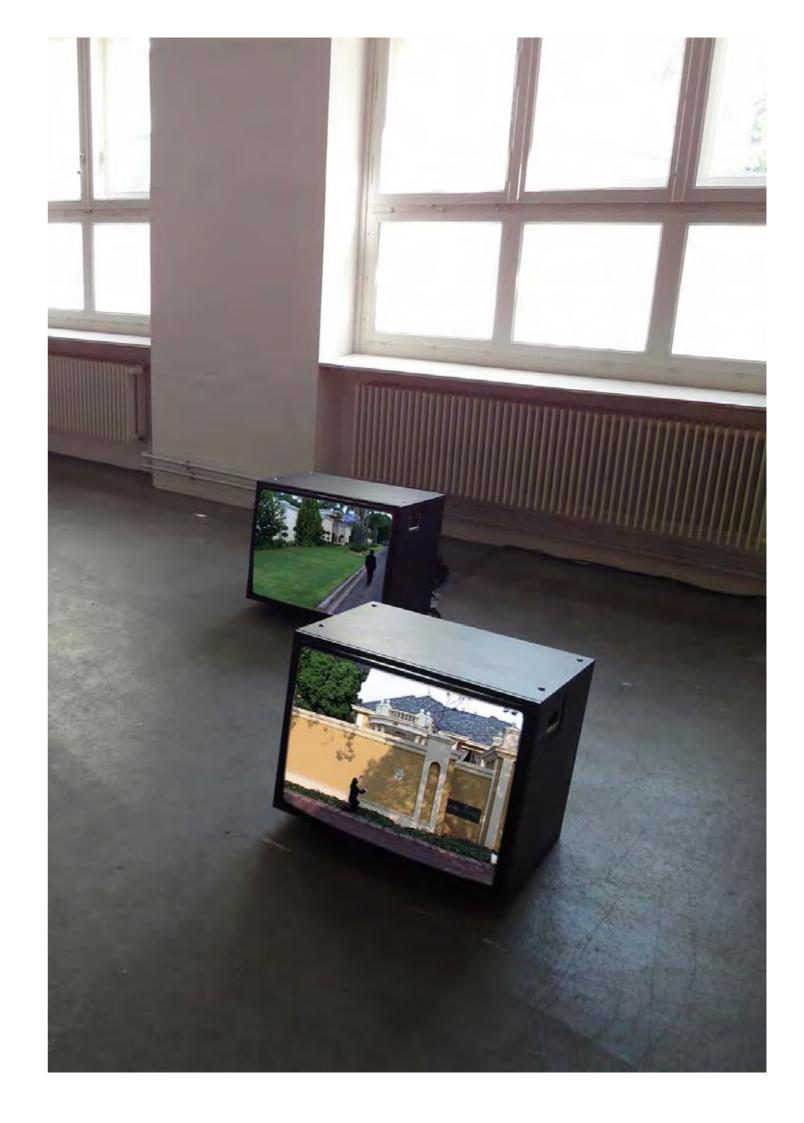
The sky is the limit

2-channel video installation, left channel 14 min., looped, right channel 5 min., looped, with sound, 2010 — Performed in a neighborhood of Johannesburg whose estates are surrounded by private walls and electric fences and often guarded by security staff — *Exhibition view Kunsthalle Vebikus, Schaffhausen, 2010* — <u>videolink</u>

Halter & Marchisella

The right image shows the high wall of a residential estate in an upscale neighborhood, bordered by a strip of garden. After a short while, music plays from a portable radio and a figure in a black suit enters the frame from the left. It kneels down on the grass in front of the wall and starts singing an Italian love song in the manner of a troubadour or minstrel. No reaction is visible. The kneeling figure continues singing from wall to wall (depicted in the film montage with a cross-fade). But also in front of the other walls, there is still no reaction. At the end of the song, the figure stands up and exits the frame to the right.

The left image presents the same figure from behind. In the same neighborhood, it walks along a seemingly endless street, passing by the imposing secured walls. The figure makes no contact with anyone in the nearly deserted street. It never seems to reach anyone or anyplace.





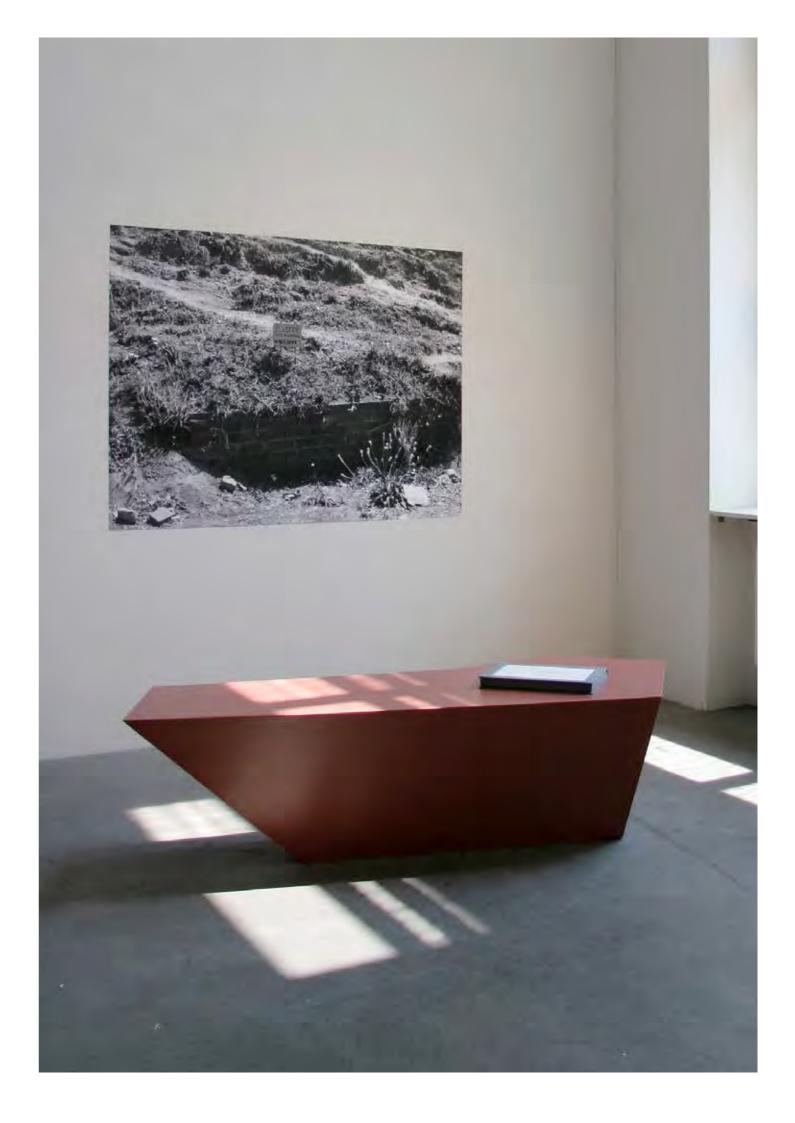


Plaster & Building

Installation with poster (105 x 140 cm, pasted to the wall), a red wooden sculpture and a pattern book «Walls of a Home of One's Own» (Linen box with 30 prints on paper, DIN A4), 2010 — *Exhibtion view Kunsthalle Vebikus, Schaffhausen*

Marianne Halter

On the poster one can see a small hand written sign in the middle of a waste land. This is a typical method to promote one's own labour in South Africa. In this case it is a plaster and builder who seeks employment, a mobile number is also mentioned. On the red bench in front – formally evoking the small wall in the poster – lies a pattern book with differently categorised photos of private estate confinements in Johannesburg.





Pattern book «Walls of a Home of One's Own» and single images out of it













The conductor's fear of the soloist – ten small pieces for violin

3-channel video installation, 1st/2nd channel 8 min., 16:9, 3rd channel 22 min., 4:3, both continously looped, 2008 — *Exhibition view Gallery Caroll | Fletcher London, 2014* — <u>videolink</u>

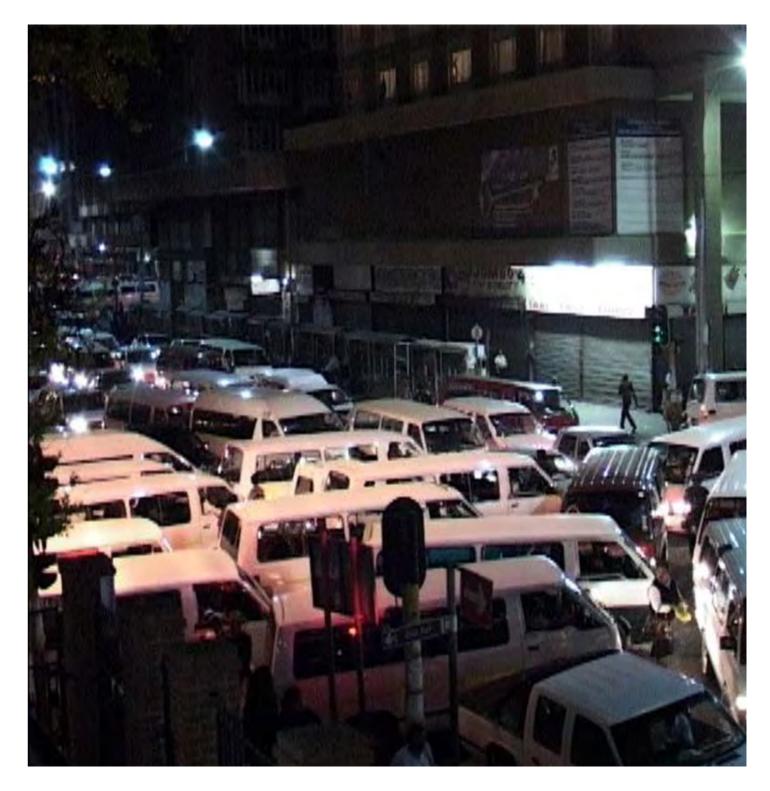
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with shots of various «conductors» whose juxtaposi-The video installation is based on the filmed documentation of a performance in which in a figure drestion yields an interplay between the two respective sed as a classical orchestra musician plays violin at a antagonists. The right projection shows a wide shot of the taxi rank on an evening when neither the "conbusy intersection during rush hour. The crossroads in Johannesburg is the hub of a taxi rank in Johannesductors" nor the violinist appears on the scene and the burg where off-duty taxi drivers direct traffic using intersection descends into a snarl of traffic. an idiosyncratically expressive sign language. The vehicles at the intersection primarily consist of white minibus taxis that travel from the inner city out to the townships and back. The left double projection shows ten different pairings of shots of the violinist









Wir tun einfach als ob wir nicht da sind

Exhibtion with 4 works *—Installation view Galerie Apropos Luzern, 2009*



Out of focus

Fotografie, aufgezogen auf Alu, je 21 x 14 cm, Serie, 9- teilig, 2009













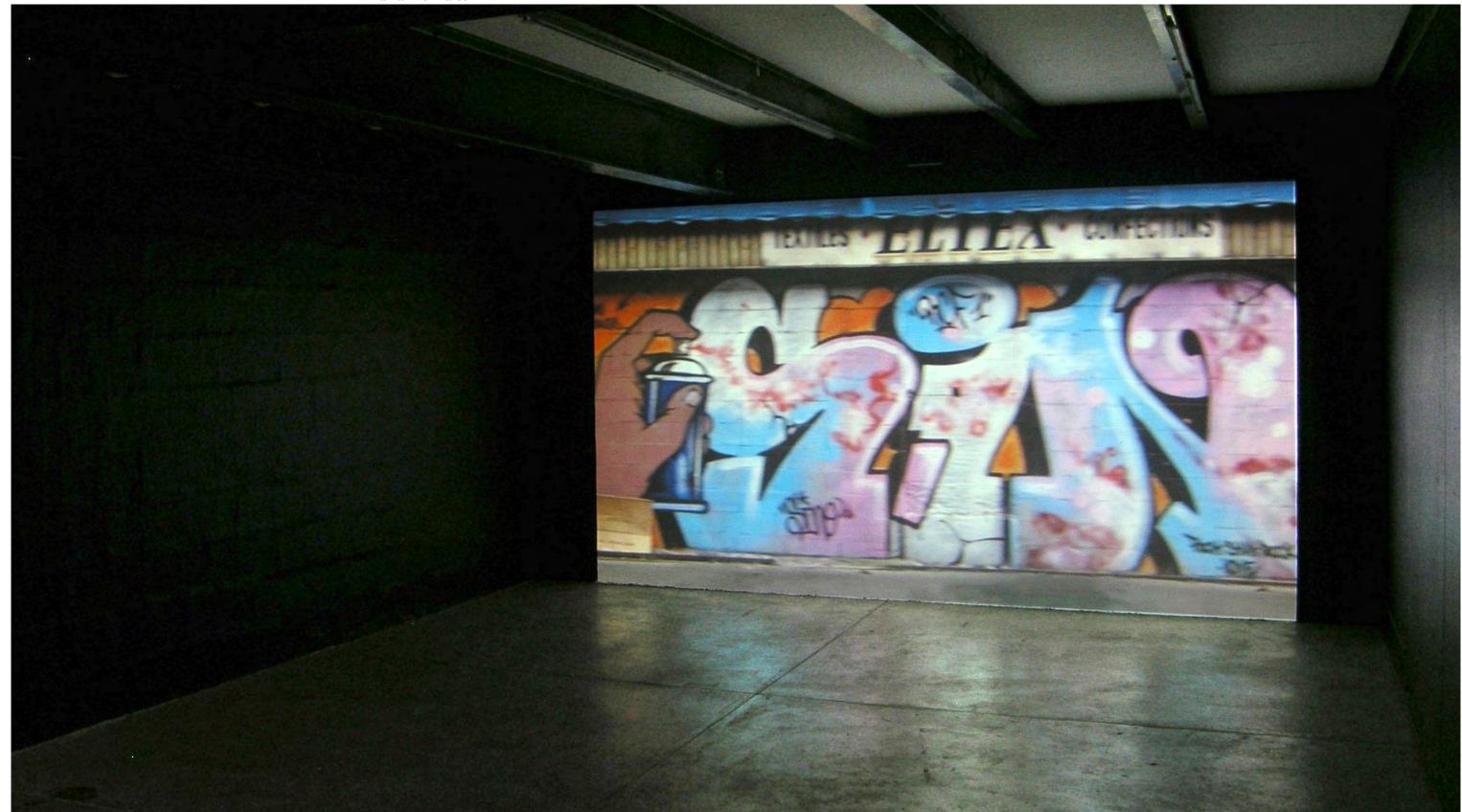
Female Males

Foto, Baryta Satin, aufgezogen auf Alu, 25 x 38 cm, 2010



Aber ich, ich komm nicht mehr zurück

(in english: «But I, I will not return») Videoanimation, 12 Min.10, looped and presented as a lifeside video projection, 2008 — Animation of photographs made into a tracking shot, all houses photographed in Paris (2003 - 2007). Music: Mario Marchisella — *Exhibtion view KZNSA Durban, 2009* — <u>videolink</u>





The video shows a slow tracking shot along an «endless» row of houses. The raw material for the animated shot is composed of facades in Paris whose windows and doors have been walled-up to keep them from being illegally occupied. The infrastructure of a vital, vibrant city: restaurants, hotels, laundromats, shoemakers, pharmacies etc. pass by, steady and slow. The street has no beginning and no end. The visual stream is accompanied by music that has its own dynamic and dramaturgy and – in contrast to the images – thus allows us to plot our position on a time axis.







Da gibts einen Ort

(in english: «there is a place») Installation with inkjet print (193 x 150 cm), video on monitor (6'00" looped) and wooden construction (sloped ramp and viewing platform for spectators), 2007 — *Exhibtion view Landpartie Zürich, 200*7

Marianne Halter



A grey /green bunk with a sloping ramp stands in the exhibition room. A photograph showing the view from a bridge of a river and its bank leans on the back wall of this bunk. The image is backlit. Before this image stands a monitor showing a slow-motion night time car journey through a forest. The headlight beams of the car glide along the forest/street edge.



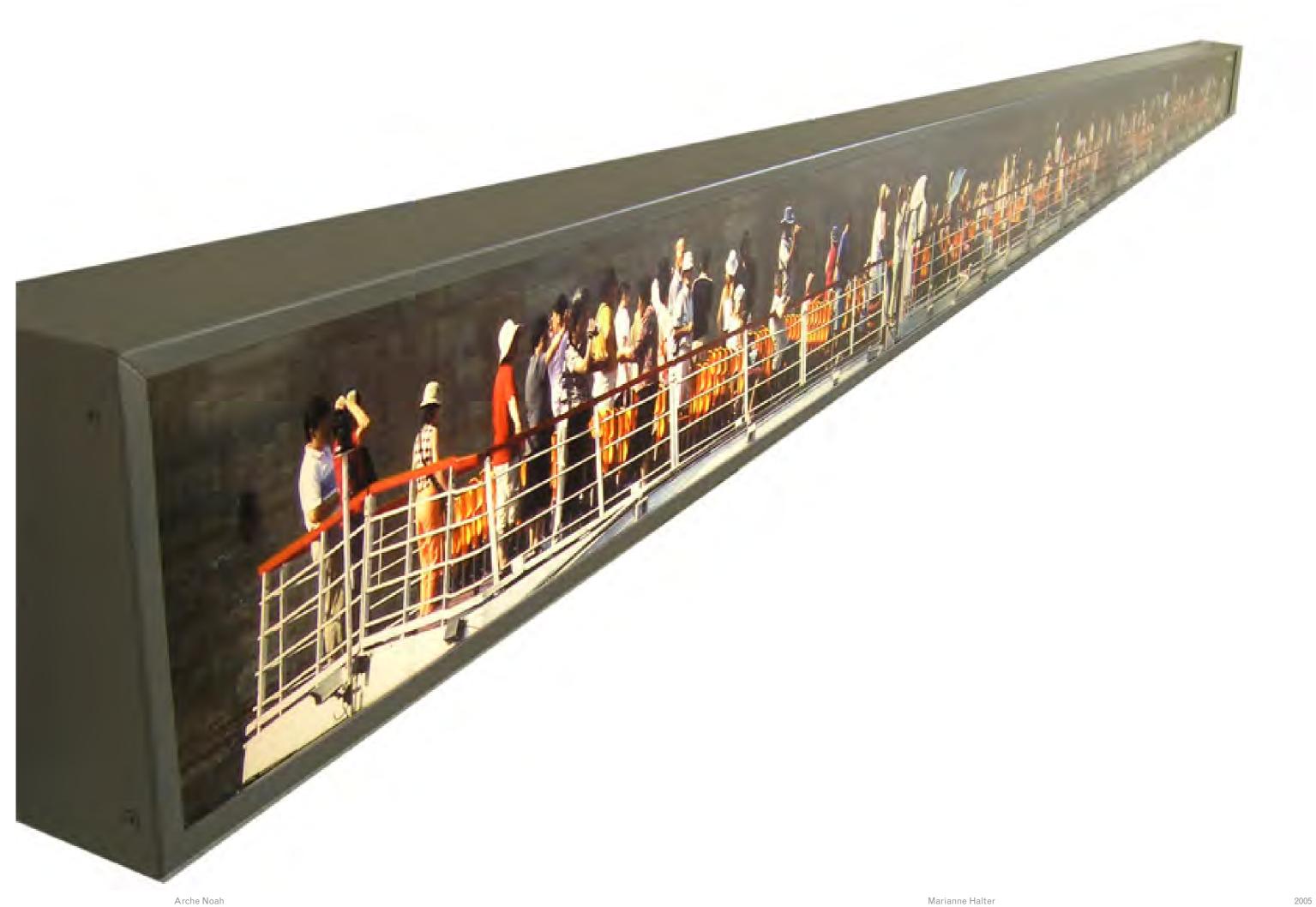


Arche Noah

Assemblage of video stills, duratrans, light box from aluminim, 21,5 x 423 x 10 cm, 2005 — View: Entire image and clipping







Seeing is believing

Series of 7 coloured pencil drawings on paper, each 60x45cm — *Installation view Chäslager Stans, 2005*

Marianne Halter

Still images of a found Amateur Video served as templates for the drawings – doddery and hazy recordings out of the window of a car. So-called Hurrican tourists are poeple, who travel into territories of catastrophies in search of strong experiences of nature.







Collaboration Marianne Halter & Mario Marchisella

Selection of shared exhibitions and stipends, steady collaboration since 2008, 2005–2008 first interdisciplinary projects.

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2023 Altdorf, Haus Für Kunst Uri (solo)
<u>Selected Exhibitions</u>
2023 Zurich, Espace diaphanes (solo)
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coming

Olten, Kunstmuseum Franz Hohler – Hallo. Guten Tag. Oder. Gute Nacht. Mendrisio, Teatro dell'Architetttura 2022 Il territorio come Palinsesto: L'eredita di André Corboz Pfäffikon, Vögele Kultur Zentrum Der Tod, radikal normal Zürich, Chateau Hornegg /Lokal 14 farewell –welcome Aarau, Forum Schlossplatz 2021 My Home is My Castle Zürich, Verlag Wolfensberger You Are My Ghost Luzern, Kunstmuseum ZENTRAL! Aarau, Aargauer Kunsthaus 2020 Auswahl 20 Brugg, Zimmermannhaus Kupper Salz und Zimmermann Zürich, Haus Konstruktiv Werkschau 2020 Zürich, Kunsthaus Aussersihl Sweet little 16 2019 Altdorf, Haus für Kunst Uri Natur – zwischen Sehnsucht und Wirklichkeit (catalog) Kunstraum Kreuzlingen (solo) *Rest or Stay* Zürich, Lokal 14 (solo)

	Minimal Show
2018	Art Safiental, Land Art Biennal
	Horzontal – Vertikal
2017	Aarau, Aargauer Kunsthaus
	Auswahl 17
	Winterthur, Antiquariat Harsch
	Materialities of Language –
	the last Frontier
	Baden, Kunstraum
	Maggikraut & Safransalz
	Zürich, Haus Konstruktiv
	Werkschau 2017
	Zürich, Helmhaus
	Werk– und Atelierstipendien 2017
2016	Johannesburg, Wits Art Museum
	When tomorrow comes (catalog)
	Cape Town, Michaellis Galleries
	When tomorrow comes (catalog)
	wBasel, Weltraum
	Das Esszimmer goes Art Basel
2015	Bonn, Esszimmer - Raum Für Kunst+
	Wir tun einfach als ob wir nicht da sind
	(Einzelausstellung Halter mit Beteili-
	gung Marchisella)
	Zürich, Galerie Christinger De Mayo
	Showroom (Einzelausstellung Halter mit
	Beteiligung Marchisella)
2014	Basel, Villa Renata
	Soap Opera Show Machine House
	London, Caroll / Fletcher projectspace
	Uncertain Identities
	Zürich, Helmhaus
	Werk– und Atelierstipendien 2014
	Zürich, Museum Bärengasse
	Is it (y)ours?
2013	Luzern, Kunstmuseum Luzern

Jahresausstellung Zentralschweizer Kunstschaffen 2013 2012 Cape Town, Iziko-South African National Gallery, Werke aus der Sammlung Absent Heroes Zürich, Dienstgebäude 2011 Catch of the year 2011 Meggen, Benzeholz – Raum für zeitgenössische Kunst Tanz mit mir Dresden Ostrale Biel, Centre PasquArt/Fotoforum Biel Fragments – Urban Realities in South Africa 2010 Johannesburg, UJ Gallery Ecotopian States Schaffhausen, Forum Vebikus Plaster & Building (Einzelausstellung Halter mit Beteiligung Marchisella) Basel, Messe Swiss Art Awards Zürich, Galerie Christinger de Mayo *Time to choose* (Einzelausstellung Halter mit Beteiligung Marchisella) Zürich, message salon downtown 2009 The conductor's fear of the soloist – ten small *pieces* for *violin* (solo) 2009 Cape Town, blank projects The conductor's fear of the soloist – ten small pieces for violin (solo) Johannesburg, Drill Hall 2008 The conductor's fear of the soloist – ten small pieces for violin (solo) Projects / Screenings Shanghai, West Bund Art Fair, 2021 Pro Helvetia A1 Plaza Video The Art Newspaper China, Online Near and Far 2020 957_Independent Art Magazin, Hg: Stephan Wittmer L'Incontro 20019 Zürich, Walcheturm Urban Stories Zürich, Stundengalerie, Visarte 2018

Charity Auction (with 30 invited artists)

2018	Tokyo, Keio University
	Between Reality and Illusion
2017	Sao Paolo, Galeria Vermelho
	Luzern, Alpineum
	Video Winter Night
2016	Olten, Kreuzberg Pavilllon
	Olten Edition im Tattarleti
	The making of the unrealized
2016	Basel, Christoph Merian Garten
	Nightlight Screenings
2016	Athen, Esszimmer – Raum für Kunst+
	platform projects@Art Athina
2015	Köln, DesignPost, Intervention
	Esszimmer – Raum für Kunst+
	Was machen wir mit der Wand?
2015	Schaffhausen, Kunsthalle Vebikus
	Videospecial
2009	Johannesburg, Arts on main
	Joburg melting
	Konzertreihe mit Videos
	von Marianne Halter.
	Musiker: Mario Marchisella,
	Joao Orecchia und Gäste

Stipends / Awards

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2021	Prize of the Cantons of Central
	Switzerland/ Kunstmuseum Luzern
2019	Pro Helvetia, Studio Grant Shanghai
2017	Work Grant Kanton Zürich
	Funding Grant Aargauer Kuratorium
2016	Pro Helvetia, exhibtion funding
2013	Residency, MacDowell Colony,
	Peterbourough (USA)
2011	Elba, Casa Zia Lina, Residency
2009	Pro Helvetia, follow-up-project in
	Durban, Cape Town, Johannesburg
2008	Pro Helvetia, Studio Grant
	Johannesburg

Public Collections

South African National Gallery IZIKO, Kanton Zürich, Kanton Luzern

Marianne Halter CV

1970 born in Zurich, 1991 - 97 Lucerne University of Art, Diploma. Since 2001 Lecturer, HSLU Lucerne (University of applied sciences and art) and Grafikfachklasse Luzern, 2003 Artist Residencies in Paris and Chicago, 2008 in Johannesburg (SA), 2013 at the MacDowell Colony Peterborough (USA)

links: <u>www.artlog.ch</u> <u>www.dasesszimmer.com</u>

Solo Exhibtions since 2002	
2024	Lucerne, Galerie Apropos
2015	Bonn, Esszimmer – Raum für Kunst+
	Wir tun einfach, als ob wir nicht da sind
	Luzern, Galerie Apropos
	Das Versprechen
	Brugg, Brutkasten
	Grenzüberschreitung
	Zürich, Galerie Christinger De Mayo
	Showroom
2013	Zürich, Galerie Christinger De Mayo
	Wilde Versammlung
2011	Luzern, o.T. – Raum für aktuelle Kunst
	Frontierland
2010	Zürich, Galerie Christinger de Mayo
	Time to choose
	Schaffhausen, Vebikus/Kammgarn
	Plaster and Building
2009	Luzern, Galerie Apropos
	Durban (SA), KZNSA
	But I, I will not return
	Cape Town, blank projects
2008	Zürich, visualdrugs
	Aber ich, ich komm nicht mehr zurück
2007	Zürich, Landpartie,
	da gibts einen Ort
	Zürich, Kunststafette
	Gute Aussicht – Leben auf der
	Ueberholspur (Zusammenarbeit
	mit Lena Eriksson)
2005	Chäslager Stans
	Ich bleib zuhause
2002	Bern, Stadtgalerie
	Von Vorgärten und Zapfsäulen,
	(Zusammenarbeit mit Susanne Hofer)

Selecte	d group shows since 2003
2021	Zürich, Gleis70
	Air Waste Health Water Energy Soil
	Zürich, GZ Wipkingen
	Das Unverrmögen
2019	Zürich, Zentralwäscherei
	Der verwaschene Ort
2018	Lucerne, Kunstmuseum
	Jahresausstellung XL
	Wall & Stage, Zürich
	The Collection
2017	Bern, Stadtgalerie
	Porzellan und Goldstill going strong
	Luzern, Kunsthalle
	Leicht bekömmlich
	Willisau, Kulturverein
	Fensterschau
2016	Döttingen, Kulturtankstelle
	Sites by sights
2013	Mexiko City, Arroniz Arte Contemporá-
	neo, Superstructures
	Kriens Teiggi, Composition
2012	Zürich, Artespace
	Corpus Urbanis
	Pfäffikon, Seedamm Kulturzentrum,
	Von hier nach dort
	Luzern, Kunstmuseum,
	Jahresausstellung Zentralschweizer
	Kunstschaffen 2012
2011	Bonn, Das Esszimmer
	Kollateral
	Luzern, Kunsthalle
	Connections
	Strobl, Deutschlandvilla
	Kult Zürich Aussersihl – das andere
	Gesicht

	Genf, Espace Temporaire
	Off-Spaces
	Zürich, Helmhaus, Zwischenlager –
	Ankäufe der Stadt Zürich 06 – 10
	Biel, CentrePasqu'Art/Fotoforum,
	Fragments – Urban Realities In South
	Africa
2010	Luzern, Galerie sic/Produzentengalerie
	Alpineum, Kopien und Zitate
	Luzern, o.T. – Raum für aktuelle Kunst
	Screening
2009	Zürich, Shedhalle, Nahrung – kaleidoskopi-
	sche Untersuchung eines Treibstoffs
	Genf, Piano Nobile,
	F(r)ictions
2008	Luzern, Kunstmuseum
	Zentralschweizer Kunstschaffen 2008
2007	Baden, Videoskulptur 07
2006	Potsdam, Brandenburgischer Kunstverein
	Heimatflimmern (mit Susanne Hofer)
2005	Baden, Trudelhaus
	Geld
2004	Illnau-Effretikon, Kunstvererein
	Videospaziergang
	Kunstmuseum Luzern
	Zentralschweizer Jahresausstellung
2003	Hamburg, Hinterconti
	each dream is an example
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	s / Awards since 2002
2021	Covid 19 Stipend, City of Zürich
2011	Work grant of the city of Zurich
2010	Swiss Art Award, Bundesamt für Kultur
	Video price Central Switzerland 2010,
2007	O.T. – Raum für aktuelle Kunst Luceren
2006	Videoprize Dizzyland, Nordportal Baden
2002	(Collaboration with Susanne Hofer)
2003	Residency in Paris, visarte Zentralschweiz
2002	Residency in Chicago, City of Lucerne
2002	Work grant Canton Lucerne
Selected	l Screenings/ Performances since 2002
2019	Schaffhausen, Kino Scala

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	Poetische Flucht in die Wirklichkeit
2019	Vevey, Fete des Vignerons

2016 AAA Art Altstetten Albisrieden/

	Videoex – Videos aus der Kunstsammlung
	der Stadt Zürich
2015	Schaffhausen, Kunsthalle Vebikus,
	Videospecial
2013	Zürich, Videowindow, OG9
	Frontierland
	Durham (CA), Fabulous Fringe Festival*
2012	Johannesburg, Goethe Institut,
	Night Fever
2011	Berlin, Bildwechsel*
2008	Dresden, Schauspielhaus, Filmfest *
	Hamburg, Kino Metropolis *
2007	Montreal, Maison de la Culture,
	SwissQuebec Videoprogram *
	Horgen, Alte Papierfabrik
2006	SF DRS, Redaktion Sternstunden*
	Baden, Schweizer Videopreis,
	Dizzyland [*]
2005	Riga, Galerie Noass *
	Bern, Forum für Medien und Kunst *
	Zürich, Videoex *
	Volksbühne Berlin, Transmediale*
	Nottingham, <i>Trampoline</i> *
	Kurzfilmfestival Hamburg *
2004	SF DRS, Sternstunden Kultur,
	Videospots in Ko-Produktion mit SFDRS*
2002	ARTE, die Nacht *
	(* Zusammenarbeiten mit Susanne Hofer)

Works in Collections

Canton of Zurich, City of Zurich, City of Lucerne, Canton of Lucerne, Credit Suisse, Edition 5

Mario Marchisella CV

1972 born in Zürich,1994 – 98 Studies of classical music at the Zurich Conservatory (now ZHDK), working as a musician, composer and visual artist. 2001 Founder of Audioscope, a sound studio / label in Zurich, which carries out commissioned compositions in film, theatre, radio and visual arts.

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Exhibi	tions and Performances since 2009
2020	Windisch, Museum Aargau
	sound installation and live performance
2019	Baden, Museum Langmatt
	Sanatorium Langmatt– ein Jungbrunnen
	Zürich, Shedhalle
	Aarau, Forum Schlosspark, PARK
	Die Anatomie des Feststeckens
2017	Kunstraum Baden, Musikperformance mit
	Luigi Archetti und Kurt Grünenfelder
	in Closed Circuits
2016	Luzern, Galerie Tuttiart, Musikperforman-
	ce mit Luigi Archetti in der Ausstellung
	Schnellmalen von ALMA
	«message salon» zu Besuch in der
	Tonhalle Zürich, Inszenierung
	anlässlich der Zürcher Festspiele,
	Dada – Zwischen Wahnsinn und Unsinn
2015	Kunstraum Baden, Musikperformance mit
	Drastic Dislocations (mit Barry
	Wallenstein und Luigi Archetti)
	Bern, ehemaliges SBB Museum,
	performative Installation mit PARK
	Transform-Festival
	Fürth, Kunst Galerie Fürth
	Skin Stories
2014	Hamburg, Museum für Kunst & Gewerbe
0040	Tattoo
2013	Winterthur, Gewerbemuseum
	Tattoo
	Zürich, message salon downtown
	La strada lunga 2
	(zusammen mit Esther Eppstein)
	Luzern, o.T Raum für aktuelle Kunst Der Himmel über Luzern
	(zusammen mit Dorothea Rust)

	Trudelhaus Baden, Performance
	Gastspiel 01
	(zusammen mit Georgette Maag,
	Isabelle Krieg, Thomas Ammann)
	Kunstkammer Schlieren
	soft and slow SAMEdifference
	Musikperformance bei Bob Gramsma
	Kunstraum Baden (zusammen mit PARK)
	Das Grüne Rauschen
2012	Zürich, Helmhaus, (zusammen mit PARK)
	Das Grüne Rauschen
2011	Biel, Centre PasquArt, Fragments – Urban
	Realities in South Africa
2010	Baden, Niemandsland-Festival
	You can drive my car
	Zürich, message salon downtown
	La strada lunga
	(zusammen mit Esther Eppstein)
	Bern, Kunstmuseum, Musikperformance
	Don't look now
2009	Kunstraum Baden, (zusammen mit PARK)
	Topografie des Unendlichen

Stipends and Awards2021Covid 19 Stipend, City of Zürich2017Tour funding Drastic Dislocations
Popkredit City of Zürich, Pro Helvetia2015CD-Production funding, Popkredit City of
Zürich for Drastic Dislocations2008Premio Gian Francesco Malipiero
AsolsoArtFilm Festival with
Lüber in der Luft
(Prize for best film score)2005Composition stipend SSA

 (Sociétée des Auteurs Suisse) for the play Nachtblind by Daria Stocker
2004/05 Pro Argovia Artist, Pro Argovia, Aargau
2002 Composition grant of the City of Zurich for La Passegiata, with texts by Martin Dislers «Bilder vom Maler»

Commissioned works as a composer for visual artists Pipilotti Rist: Schlagader/Zimmerstunde Biennale di Venezia 2011 Schliessen Sie mir das Kleid, danke Sommergäste 2010 im Museum Langmattt in Baden. Com&Com: Baum, Musikperformance und The Big One Centre PasquArt 2010 Google Earth Art, Switzerland 2008, Shifting Identities Kunsthaus Zürich 2008, Centre PasquArt 2010 Marianne Halter: Aber ich, ich komm nicht mehr zurück Kunstmuseum Luzern, 2008 KZNSADurban, 2009 (Ankauf in die Sammlung der Stadt Zürich) Ich bleib zuhause, Chäslager Stans, 2005 Zilla Leutenegger: Wichtiger Besuch, Saarlandmuseum Saarbrücken 2006 La Berceuse, 11. Biennale de l'Image en Mouvement / Wonderbox MAMCO Genf 2005

Honey, Spencer Brownstone Gallery New York 2005Pures Illusions, Sala Montcada Barcelona 2004