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Exhibition announcement

Fantastic floods of images – »HOME« by Sabine Hertig at the GRIMM WORLD

The GRIMM WORLD Kassel's new special exhibition opens shortly: under the title »HOME«, Swiss artist Sabine Hertig shows large-scale pictorial landscapes that invite the viewer to multi-faceted visual narratives.

Sabine Hertig (*1982) from Basle creates collages with unique visual imagery. Using scissors, paste and countless thousands of fragments, tattered photos torn from newspapers, magazines and books, she »paints« mysterious, dynamic »Landscapes«—which is also the name of her work cycle. The carefully composed pictures generate deliberate tension. Viewed from a distance, her collages are reminiscent of historical paintings, while also developing a dynamic spatial depth. However, the large-scale images do not follow a linear narrative, but—when viewed from close up—disintegrate into the individual images of which they are composed, forming a network of human figures, animals, objects, textile fragments, and natural and architectural elements.

The artist studied Art and Communication at Basle Academy of Art and Design (*Hochschule für Gestaltung und Kunst*) and has now been working in the classic medium of collage for 10 years. She is an obsessive collector of images from conventional print media, from which she creates new, complex pictorial spaces. Part of this artistic approach is to study what an image can be today and what it used to be.

»My connection with the Brothers Grimm is my passionate obsession with collecting«, says Sabine Hertig. »At the same time, I stand between the past and the present, searching for expressive imagery with pasted-on fragments of pictures which have engraved themselves in our collective pictorial memory. It is a question of simultaneous perception; boundaries vanish, content grows back together to create new forms, and what has long been familiar can be deciphered in a new way.«

Hertig also evokes this fascination with her multi-layered, interwoven collages. Mystic and full of mystery, they throw open the gates of the imagination to reveal a small world filled with wonders—just like the 200 or more fairy tales that Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm collected about 200 years ago.

»It is my fascination with the picture as such which motivates me to enter this stream of images and react to them. It is also an attempt to restore a sense of value to these historical, archived images by integrating them into something entirely new, thereby giving them a contemporary context.« (Quote by the artist from: »Sabine Hertig in conversation with Ines Goldbach« / Sabine Hertig – Scrap / 2018)

In this, Sabine Hertig's second solo exhibition in Germany, the monumental collages »Landscape 13–19« from the monochrome cycle, which were created one after the other between 2016 and 2021, are shown in juxtaposition in the same room for the first time. This enables a change of perspective and gives the dialogue between these powerful images enough space to allow viewers to lose themselves in them completely, or to keep their distance.

The landscapes that Sabine Hertig presents here exert a curious attraction, casting a spell on the beholder and offering many different possible interpretations. This has prompted the GRIMM WORLD Kassel to present these collages—in contrast to the permanent exhibition—as a projection surface. The images invite viewers to immerse themselves in a world of imagination, to use graphic thought as a tool, thereby creating their own individual stories in their head—stories inspired and driven by the intrinsic power of imagination.

Opening:

In order to comply with the official measures introduced to restrict the spread of the coronavirus, the GRIMM WORLD is currently closed. The exhibition »HOME« will be opening when lockdown has been lifted. Please refer to the information on our website: www.grimmwelt.de

Duration:

Until 26.09.2021

Opening hours:

Tue – Sun 10am – 6pm | Fri 10am – 8pm | Closed Mon

Address:

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Admission charges:

Adults: 10 €, reduced rate: 7 € | Families: 25 €
Groups of 8 or more: 7 € p.p., 40 or more: 6 € p.p.
Children under 6: admission free

Admission charges for special exhibition only:

Adults: 5 €, reduced rate: 3 € | Families: 12 €
Groups of 8 or more: 3 € p.p., 40 or more: 3 € p.p.

Media material:

<https://www.grimmwelt.de/site/presse/>

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From the artist's biography:

Sabine Hertig (*1982) lives and works in Basle. She studied Art and Communication at Basle Academy of Art and Design (Hochschule für Gestaltung und Kunst). She has been represented by the STAMPA Gallery in Basle since 2013. Her honours include the Municipality of Riehen's 2013 Culture Award, Cristina Spoerri Prize 2017, the UBS Kulturstiftung grant 2020, and a studio bursary in Paris from Atelier Mondial in 2021. Her first comprehensive monograph »Sabine Hertig - Scrap« (Ed. Ines Goldbach) was published by Christoph Merian Verlag in Basle in 2018.

Companion publication:

Sabine Hertig - Scrap: Analoge Collagen

Ines Goldbach (Ed.)

Christoph Merian Verlag, June 2018

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28 €

The GRIMM WORLD

The GRIMM WORLD Kassel transports the Brothers Grimm and their fairy tales into the modern era: using artistic, medial and interactive means, this newly created adventure space conveys the fascination of the life and work of the Brothers Grimm. In the permanent presentation »Märchenhaft von A bis Z« ("The stuff of fairy-tales from A to Z"), valuable original editions and other artefacts, artistic installations and interactive, multi-media elements invite the visitor to join a voyage of discovery. The internationally oriented location processes the universal cultural heritage of »Fairy tales« and »Language« in a way which is equally attractive to children, adults, art connoisseurs and lovers of fairy-tales.

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