

Press release

May 2015

Doug Aitken

May 16 to July 18, 2015

Opening on Friday, May 15, 6 to 8 pm, Löwenbräu Areal, Limmatstr. 270, 8005 Zürich

Viewing Hours: Tuesday - Friday 11-6, Saturday 11-5 and by appointment

The Galerie Eva Presenhuber is pleased to open an exhibition with new works by the American artist Doug Aitken on May 15, 2015.

Spanning a variety of media encompassing photography, sculpture, happenings and performances, sound, and single and multi-channel video installations, Aitken's work explores the modern landscape and posits possibilities for new uncharted frontiers.

This exhibition will feature an installation of new sculptural objects that create an immersive environment where place and time dissolve, and where the individual exists adrift in an electrically charged space. Viewers are confronted with a series of signs and symbols that at first glance appear familiar but upon closer inspection reveal their foreign nature.

Two internally illuminated light box sculptures hover on the gallery walls. In the shapes of airplanes, the images inside charge the works with a sense of transition, representing the crystallization of an idea captured from the frenetic modern landscape. Both works stamp a portion of the visible world with this shape. While one gazes into a mine dug deep into the earth, the other lifts off and wings up into an expansive blue sky and above the clouds.

A soft light emits from Twilight a cast public pay phone bathed in a luminous glow. Appearing as a relic of a bygone era and removed from its everyday function the work becomes a vessel emitting interactive light that brightens or dims depending on the viewer's proximity to its surface.

This show marks the premiere of Aitken's amazing new soft sculptures. These works are made of photographic images on fabric that create sculptural forms, furniture and social spaces. Slices of the contemporary landscape are re-formed to create a tactile world of concepts and energy.

Aitken's show at Galerie Eva Presenhuber crystalizes elements of the modern world, while re-creating their meaning and provoking unique encounters.

Upcoming in June is the UK premiere of Doug Aitken's feature film Station to Station (19 June) followed by the living exhibition Station to Station: A 30 Day Happening at the Barbican in London (June 27-July 26) featuring over 100 artists and 50 performances.

A major survey exhibition including four expansive film installations, sculptures and a site-specific sound work will open at the Schirn Kunsthalle in Frankfurt on July 9.

For further information please contact Björn Alferts <b.alferts@presenhuber.com at the gallery.

Parallel shows: Franz West
28 February to 23 May, 2015
Maag Areal, Zahnradstr. 21, 8005 Zurich
Tue - Fri 10-6, Sat 11-5 and by appointment

Upcoming shows: Ugo Rondinone, walls + windows + doors
13 Juni to 18 Juli, 2015
Maag Areal, Zahnradstr. 21, 8005 Zurich
Tue - Fri 10-6, Sat 11-5 and by appointment