RHINE ON THE DNIPRO

JULIA STOSCHEK COLLECTION/
ANDREAS GURSKY
The idea of the exhibition, Rhine on the Dnipro - Julia Stoschek Collection/Andreas Gursky, has its origins with Victor Pinchuk's extreme enthusiasm and dedication towards contemporary art. When the German Embassy in Kyiv began preparing for Deutsche Kulturwochen in der Ukraine 2008 (German cultural weeks in Ukraine 2008) we were both independently invited to participate. Being a couple in our private life, we were thrilled with the idea of organising dual exhibitions at the PinchukArtCentre.

We - Julia Stoschek and Andreas Gursky - feel extremely honoured to be invited to bring contemporary art from Düsseldorf on the Rhine to Kyiv on the Dnipro. It is also a pleasure for us to support this cultural evolution taking place in Ukraine, transforming Kyiv into an influential cultural capital in Europe. The cultural development in Ukraine, supported by the energy of the PinchukArtCenter, which is pushing the boundaries of contemporary art in Ukraine and Eastern Europe, is surprising and remarkable.

The amazing dialogue between Victor Pinchuk and ourselves made it possible that not only was the Stoschek Collection able to work with this international institution for the first time, or Andreas Gursky having his first major exhibition in Ukraine, but it also developed into a bespoke cultural project with the legendary music group Kraftwerk taking part with one of their outstanding concert performances.

This internationally unique avantgarde cultural project - Julia Stoschek Collection/Andreas Gursky/Kraftwerk - was only possible through the energy and the commitment of Victor Pinchuk. We would like to thank him for his support and his generosity. Furthermore, we would like to thank Kraftwerk for their cooperation.

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Julia Stoschek, Andreas Gursky
The Julia Stoschek Collection is a private collection of contemporary art focused on new media art - video, installations and photography. Moving into its new premises in the summer of 2007, the Julia Stoschek Collection is now housed in a former factory building in Düsseldorf. Its opening exhibition entitled, Destroy, She Said, comprised of art works from international artists on the topics of construction/deconstruction and interior/exterior. A focus on video art from that seminal exhibition is presented here at the PinchukArtCentre - video art is a type of art that relies on moving pictures and is comprised of video and/or audio data (It should not however be confused with television or experimental cinema). Video art came into existence during the 1960s and 1970s and has given rise to the widespread use of video installations.

Some may recognise the title Destroy, She Said from the novel of the same name by Marguerite Duras (Détruire, dit elle). However, the exhibition's title actually owes more to the two-part video installation, Destroy She Said by Monica Bonvicini from 1998, which examines the role of women through their portrayal in film using auteur films of the 1950s to 1970s in a compilation of selected excerpts.


The destruction of interiors and structures was the central theme behind works such as Shades of Destructors (2005) by Mark Leckey, Shulfmantioni (2004) by Manuel Graf, Burn (2002) by the artist duo Reynold Reynolds and Patrick Jolley and Mathilde (2000) and Suicide Bomb (2000) both by Mathilde ter Heijne.

In the four-channel video installation Xanadu (2006), Robert Boyd focuses on the self-destructive impulses that characterise our society by condensing different elements of mass culture like news bites, documentaries, comics and pop music videos into a sequence of split-second images. In the aesthetics of a video clip these images create a media reality where the boundaries between entertainment, information and horror have been virtually erased.

The exhibition context is further expanded under the thematic banner Circular Moves, featuring a series of collected works that explore the idea of circular movement.

These include historical pieces such as Bruce Nauman's Stamping in the Studio (1968), Spiral Jetty (1970) by Robert Smithson and Gordon Matta-Clark's Conical Intersect (1974). In Anthony McCall's Line Describing a Cone (1973), McCall uses a 16mm film projector to direct light at a black surface; with the help of a smoke machine, the beam gradually becomes visible as a perfect cone of light. The space and the projection itself become a kind of sculpture that breaks down the traditional relationship between cinema viewers and the film projector.

Together, these videos not only document the strength of the Julia Stoschek Collection, but reveal much about the collecting interests of the collector, and how it has advanced Julia Stoschek's commitment to the field of video and new media. These art works celebrate the extraordinary achievements of contemporary artists and the diversity and richness of art.
Andreas Gursky is always on the look out for whatever pushes the limits of space and time. Gursky’s work is the product of a refined mix of deliberations. Producing visually large, yet seemingly normal situations, he offers only that which is already embedded in our memory, like a reference point of what is lost or a temporal experience of an eternal recurrence, Gursky’s works arise from unique observations from issues concerning present time.

Like a film director, Andreas Gursky composes his works carefully to create a compelling narrative. At first glance, his works seem to be decisive moments in a larger story, captured and frozen, but the surrounding story remains exclusive to the viewer. By fabricating and staging his own reality in a single work, Gursky takes complete control, contrasting banal situations and a subliminal world of physical space. His imagery ranges from anonymous skyscraper facades, open plan office lobbies, stock exchanges, interiors of large, public gathers spaces and outdoor concerts.

Born in 1955 in Leipzig, Andreas Gursky grew up in Düsseldorf, where he was introduced to photography at a young age by his father, a successful commercial photographer. In the early 1980s, he studied at the Kunstkademie in Düsseldorf, which became an extremely formative period. In the late 1980s, Gursky began to devise his unique mode of creating large-scale colour photographs which further separated his work from other artists of that time.

In the 1990s, Gursky started incorporating digital manipulation into his working methods. He used the computer at first only as a retouching tool, but soon began to alter the raw material of his negatives with new creative insights. The imposing symmetry of pictures such as Shanghai (2000) and Düsseldorf (1997) are the product of an inventive merger of straightforward description and digital invention. His large format landscapes also contain strong and enhanced detail, such as Rhein II (1999), Greenley (2003), along with the Bahrain (I and II, 2007) and Dubai (I and II, 2007) series. Nevertheless, these works are entirely connected with others such as Seilbahn (1987), Aletschgletscher (1993), Engadin I (1995), Turner (1995), Los Angeles (1998) in which the digital manipulation is minimal or completely missing.

Interior architectural spaces such as Kathedrale I (2007), the ohne Titel (XV and XVI, 2008) series, Frankfurt (2007), Cocoon (2007) and Kuwait Stock Exchange (2007) play off the visual spectacle, placing viewers as actors in front of vast psychological stage sets. F1, Boxenstopp (I, II and III, 2007) and the Pyongyang (II and III, 2007) series accentuate timelessness, where all motion has been suspended in a cinematic manner. That lack of resolution entices the viewer to long for another scene from these narratives, but unlike a series of film stills, the next image never appears.

In many different ways, Andreas Gursky puts the spectator in the position of realizing a tranquil calm and a peaceful atmosphere. The negativity from everyday life – which is caused by an accumulation of time and denial of the present – are missing. The photographs create a state of mental consciousness totally free of anxiety, stress, regret and sadness. These photographs are not about the past or the future, but are about today – the now.
JULIA STOSCHEK COLLECTION
DESTROY, SHE SAID

Doug Aitken
Blow Debris, 2000
Videoinstallation, color, sound, filmstills
Courtesy of Eva Presenhuber, Zürich and 303 Gallery, New York

Monica Bonvicini
Destroy She Said, 1998
2-channel videoinstallation, color, sound, filmstills
Courtesy of the artist and Galleria Emi Fontana, Milano

Robert Boyd
Xanadu, 2006
4-channel videoinstallation, color, sound, filmstills
Courtesy of the artist and Participant Inc., New York

Kate Gilmore
Main Squeeze, 2006
Video, color, no sound, filmstills
Courtesy of the artist and Pierogi, New York

Manuel Graf
Shulmantoniioni, 2004
Digital video, color, sound, filmstills
Courtesy of the artist and VAN HORN, Düsseldorf und Johann König, Berlin

Christian Jankowski
16-mm Mystery, 2004
35mm film transferred to DVD, color, sound, filmstills
Courtesy of Klosterfelde, Berlin

Mark Leckey
Shades of Destructors, 2005
Video, Farbe, Ton, Filmstills
Courtesy of Galerie Daniel Buchholz, Köln

Klara Liden
Paralyzed, 2003
Video, color, sound, filmstills
Courtesy of Reena Spauldings Fine Art, New York
Gordon Matta-Clark
Conical Intersect, 1974
16mm film transferred to video, color, no sound, filmstills
Courtesy Electronic Arts Intermix (EAI), New York

Anthony McCall
Line Describing a Cone, 1973
16 mm Filminstallation, s/w, ohne Ton
Installationsansicht Julia Stoschek Collection, Duesseldorf, Germany
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Bruce Nauman
Stamping in the Studio, 1968
Video, b/w, sound, filmstills
Courtesy Electronic Arts Intermix (EAI), New York

Reynold Reynolds & Patrick Jolley
Burn, 2002
Video, 16mm film transferred on DVD, color, sound, filmstills
Courtesy of Galerie Alexandra Saheb, Berlin

Robert Smithson
Spiral Jetty, 1970
Video, color, sound, filmstills
Courtesy Electronic Arts Intermix (EAI), New York

Aaron Young
High Performance, 2000
Video, color, sound, filmstills
Courtesy of the artist and Harris Lieberman, New York

Tony Oursler
Sixth, 2004-2007
Outdoor video installation, color, sound
Courtesy of the artist and Lehmann Maupin Gallery, New York
Andreas Gursky
Frankfurt, 2007
C-Print
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Courtesy: Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam and Monika Sprüth Philomene Magers,
Köln München London
Andreas Gursky
F1, Boxenstopp I, 2007
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Andreas Gursky
Rhein II, 1999
C-Print
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Courtesy: Monika Sprüth Philomene Magers, Köln München London
Andreas Gursky
Turner, 1995
C-Print
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Courtesy: Monika Sprüth Philomene Magers, Köln München London
Andreas Gursky
ohne Titel XV, 2008
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ANDREAS GURSKY ART WORKS

Aletschgletscher, 1993
C-Print
277 x 223 cm
Copyright: Andreas Gursky/VG Bild-Kunst, Bonn, 2008
Courtesy: Monika Sprüth Philomene Magers, Cologne Munich London

Bahrain I, 2007
C-Print
302.2 x 219.6
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Courtesy: PinchukArtCentre Collection, Kyiv

Bahrain II, 2007
C-Print
307 x 219.1
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Courtesy: Private Collection, Poznań, Poland

Cocoon I, 2007
C-Print
211.5 x 506
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Courtesy: PinchukArtCentre Collection, Kyiv

Dubai I, 2007
C-Print
307 x 223.3
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Courtesy: PinchukArtCentre Collection, Kyiv

Dubai II, 2007
C-Print
307 x 223.3
Copyright: Andreas Gursky/VG Bild-Kunst, Bonn, 2008
Courtesy: Erez Daleyot Family Collection, Belgium

Düsselstrand, 1997
C-Print
222.2 x 288.5
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Courtesy: Monika Sprüth Philomene Magers, Cologne Munich London

Engadin I, 1995
C-Print
315 x 187
Copyright: Andreas Gursky/VG Bild-Kunst, Bonn, 2008
Courtesy: Monika Sprüth Philomene Magers, Cologne Munich London

Frankfurt, 2007
C-Print
237 x 504
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Courtesy: Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam and Monika Sprüth Philomene Magers, Cologne Munich London

F1, Boxenstopp I, 2007
C-Print
223.4 x 609
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Courtesy: PinchukArtCentre Collection, Kyiv

F1, Boxenstopp II, 2007
C-Print
223.4 x 609
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Courtesy: PinchukArtCentre Collection, Kyiv

F1, Boxenstopp III, 2007
C-Print
223.4 x 609
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Courtesy: PinchukArtCentre Collection, Kyiv

Greeley, 2003
C-Print
207.2 x 262.2
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Courtesy: PinchukArtCentre Collection, Kyiv

Kathedrale I, 2007
C-Print
237 x 333
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Courtesy: PinchukArtCentre Collection, Kyiv

Kuwait Stock Exchange, 2007
C-Print
295.1 x 222
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Courtesy: PinchukArtCentre Collection, Kyiv

Los Ángeles, 1998
C-Print
187 x 351
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Courtesy: PinchukArtCentre Collection, Kyiv

ohne Titel XV, 2008
C-Print
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Courtesy: Monika Sprüth Philomene Magers, Cologne Munich London

ohne Titel XVI, 2008
C-Print
237 x 506
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Courtesy: Monika Sprüth Philomene Magers, Cologne Munich London

Pyongyang II, 2007
C-Print
207 x 258.7
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Courtesy: The Sir Elton John Photography Collection

Pyongyang III, 2007
C-Print
207 x 242
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Courtesy: Monika Sprüth Philomene Magers, Cologne Munich London

Rhein II, 1999
C-Print
188 x 346
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Courtesy: Monika Sprüth Philomene Magers, Cologne Munich London

Seilbahn, 1987
C-Print
207 x 259
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Courtesy: Monika Sprüth Philomene Magers, Cologne Munich London

Shanghai, 2000
C-Print
308 x 205
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Turner, 1995
C-Print
223 x 318
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Marina Abramovic
The Onion, 1996
Video
00:20:00 min., colour, sound

Doug Aitken
Blow Debris, 2000
Video installation
00:20:27 min., colour, sound

Monica Bonvicini
Destroy She Said, 1998
Two-channel video installation
00:60:00 min., colour, sound

Robert Boyd
Xanadu, 2006
Four-channel video installation
00:22:00 min., colour, sound

Kate Gilmore
Main Squeeze, 2006
Video
00:04:59, colour, sound

Manuel Graf
Shulmantoni, 2004
Digital video
00:03:00 min., colour, sound

Christian Jankowski
16-mm Mystery, 2004
35mm film transferred to DVD
00:05:00 min, colour, sound

Mark Leckey
Shades of Destructors, 2005
Video
00:18:30 min., colour, sound

Klara Liden
Paralyzed, 2003
Video
00:03:00 min., colour, sound

Gordon Matta-Clark
Conical Intersect, 1974
16mm film transferred to video
00:18:40 min., colour, no sound

Anthony McCall
Line Describing a Cone, 1973
16 mm film installation
00:30:00 min., black & white, no sound

Bruce Nauman
Stamping in the Studio, 1968
Video
01:02:00 min., b/w, sound

Tony Oursler
Sixth, 2004-2007
Outdoor video installation
00:21:59, color, sound

Reynold Reynolds & Patrick Jolley
Burn, 2002
Video, 16mm film transferred to DVD
00:10:00 min., colour, sound

Robert Smithson
Spiral Jetty, 1970
Video
00:35:00 min., colour, sound

Mathilde ter Heijne
Mathilde, 2000
Video
00:04:29, colour, sound

Mathilde ter Heijne
Suicide Bomb, 2000
Video
00:04:57, colour, sound

Aaron Young
High Performance, 2000
Video
00:03:00 min., colour, sound

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