



Paris, La Tour Eiffel La Nuit

Josef Hoflehner

"Essence of a Place"

by Giorgia Mauri



Josef Hoflehner was born in 1955 in Wels, Austria, when the country was still under allied occupation. He grew up in a family where the camera was used so rarely that as many as three Christmas holidays would be captured on one roll of film. Although Austria could boast awesome mountains and a great natural landscape, it had no coastlines, deserts or empty spaces where one could see the horizon unimpaired. At the age of 20, Hoflehner purchased a camera and began to travel. An early award for photography began to open doors professionally and his career has continued to develop with amazing success.



Shanghai, Skyline



New York City, Central Park, 2011



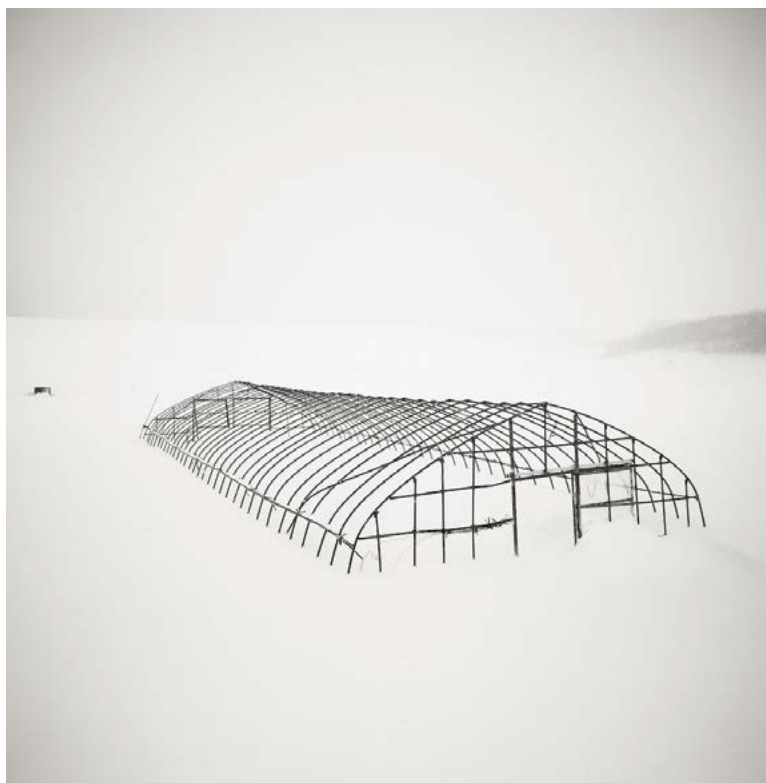
Copacabana, palms, 2010

Each of Hoflehner's photographs achieves a perfection of composition that seems to defy the possibility that it could ever be seen any other way. Gripping in their ultimate solitude and the unexpected natural beauty they capture, Hoflehner's photographs take his earthly subject matter to raise it to an almost mythical level, defining the essence of the place. In these rare and elusive moments, the natural and the man made are brought together in a poetic interplay of light and shadow, emptiness and structure. Through his images, we are moved to a new level of observation and exposed to a world where the chance and an underlying natural order coexist with our own built environment.

Hoflehner's exquisite silver gelatin prints are found in a constantly growing number of public, private and corporate collections around the globe; notable collections include Polo Ralph Lauren, AT&T, Fidelity Investments, French banking giant Societe Generale and GAP/Banana Republic. Josef has exhibited worldwide, he was voted Nature Photographer of the Year 2007 and is set to release the fourteenth monograph of his work in Fall 2012.



Hawaii, Stargazer Mauna Kea Volcano



Japan, Door Open Wide

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Ginza, Tokyo



Mosque and Birds



New York, Central Park Nights West



Gotham City, 2011

LLL



Jet Airliner



New York City, Chrysler



Wavebreakers, 2007



First Interchange

HARDCOVER BOOKS

Waiting for the Sun (2015)
 Jet Airliner:
 The Complete Works (2012)
 ZNZ (2011)
 Unleashed 3 (2010)
 China (2009)
 Jet Airliner (2009)
 Nine (2008)
 Li River (2008)
 Unleashed Two (2007)
 Iceland (2006)
 Yemen (2006)
 Unleashed (2005)
 Gegendum (2004)
 Frozen History (2003)
 Southern Ocean (2002)

SELECTED SOLO-EXHIBITIONS

2015 | Galerie Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria
 2014 | Young Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
 2014 | Joseph Bellows Gallery, San Diego, USA
 2014 | Open Shutter Gallery, Durango, USA
 2014 | Acte 2 Galerie, Paris, France
 2013 | Michael Hoppen Gallery, London, England
 2013 | Galerie Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria
 2013 | Paris-Photo (Solo-Show), Paris, France
 2013 | Werkhallen, Bonn, Germany
 2012 | Bonni Benrubi Gallery, New York City, USA
 2012 | Galeria Valid Foto, Barcelona, Spain
 2012 | Acte 2 Galerie, Paris, France
 2012 | AD-Galerie, Genolier, Switzerland
 2012 | Galerie Monika Mohr, Hamburg, Germany
 2011 | Atelier Jungwirth, Graz, Austria
 2011 | Rheingalerie, Bonn, Germany
 2011 | Local Galeria, Mexico City, Mexico
 2010 | Stephen Cohen Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
 2010 | Acte 2 Galerie, Paris, France
 2010 | Galerie Nikolaus Ruzicska, Salzburg, Austria
 2010 | AD-Galerie, Genolier, Switzerland
 2009 | Bonni Benrubi Gallery, New York City, USA
 2009 | Galeria Hartmann, Barcelona, Spain
 2009 | Galerie Monika Mohr, Hamburg, Germany
 2009 | Eckhart Gallery, The Hague, Netherlands
 2009 | Young Gallery, Knokke, Belgium
 2009 | Galerie 206, Berlin, Germany

2009 | John Cleary Gallery, Houston, USA
 2009 | Brucie Collections, Kiev, Ukraine
 2008 | Stephen Cohen Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
 2008 | Tao Gallery, Hong Kong, China
 2008 | Young Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
 2008 | Galerie Albrecht, Munich, Germany
 2007 | Galerie 206, Berlin, Germany
 2007 | Atlas Gallery, London, UK
 2007 | Camera Work, Berlin, Germany
 2007 | Stephen Cohen Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
 2006 | Atlas Gallery, London, UK

NOTED COLLECTIONS

Elton John Photography Collection
 AT&T Collection
 Gap/Banana Republic Collection
 Polo Ralph Lauren Collection
 Societe Generale Collection
 Cleveland Clinic Collection
 Crédit Industriel et Commercial (CIC)
 Fidelity Investments Collection
 Banque Crédit du Nord Collection
 Sprint Nextel Collection
 Dubai International Financial Centre
 American Board of Emergency Medicine
 Christian Liaigre Collection
 Norman Foster Collection
 Lane Crawford Collection



Josef Hoflehner
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The worldwide recognition he has received attests to the tremendous impact of his work. This Austrian photographer, who has been shooting primarily, though not exclusively, in black and white for over 40 years, captures surreal moments in his photos. Reductions and overexposures help him discover special elements and draw both technical and substantive contrasts between the spectacular and the banal. His subjects—everything from peaceful, expansive Icelandic landscapes that look like paintings to jets coming in for a landing just above people's heads—fascinate the viewer. Even more astoundingly, all of these contrasting facets of nature and technology bear Hoflehner's distinct stamp. No matter what topic Hoflehner is skillfully weaving a photographic narrative around, his work exudes incredible serenity and focus. Maybe that's what we find so compelling. Whether it's a photo of a New York skyline or a Malaysian tea plantation, his images have a soothing, contemplative effect on the viewer, although there is also a painful undertone of transience and social criticism.

Valid Foto BCN is a project coming from the initiative of 4 people who decided to open a space dedicated to the exhibit of photography and events related to the medium.

The gallery is run by **Fernando Murillo Peracho**. Fernando's aim is to join the effort of others, both past and present, to make photography an object of interest to the uninitiated public and also to satisfy those who are already knowledgeable about this art form.

It is located at Carrer Buenaventura Muñoz 6, at the corner of Avinguda Lluís Companys, in an area known locally as Arc de Triomf and part of the Eixample neighbourhood. The nearest tube station is Arc de Triomf. The gallery is closed to the Parc de la Ciutadella with its gardens, the Catalan Parliament, the High Court of Justice of Catalonia and the lively Born district.

The gallery's commitment is to promote photography as a **valuable art form**. It presents and promotes artists within the gallery own space, as well as outside its wall. Valid Foto committal is to give the right expertise to clients and to inform the willing public about the photographic medium.

VALID FOTO BCN GALLERY

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Artists

Masao Yamamoto, Toni Catany, Josef Hoflehner, Colita, Ricard Terré, Álvaro Sánchez Montañés, Albarrán Cabrera, Berta Vicente Salas, Carlos Ventós, Luis Vioque, Pedro Madueño and Pentti Sammallahti among others.

Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday, from 10 to 2pm and 5 to 8pm.

Saturday, from 11 to 2pm.

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