VERGANGENES NEU INTERPRETIEREN

Photography & Field Recordings

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OVERVIEW

This artistic project explores the reinterpretation of the past through photography and sound.
During the Years 2021-2023 Rodrigues visited various abandoned and forgotten places located in the region of Berlin-Brandenburg. Whilst being deserted of any active human life, these place yet left fragments and traces, that led to the search for the production of the core soul which Rodrigues captures and ignites through his photos and sound.

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FRANZ VOLHARD KLINIK

FOUNDED IN 1992, THE FRANZ VOLHARD KLINIK EVOLVED FROM THE ZENTRALINSTITUT FÜR HERZ-KREISLAUF-REGULATIONSFORSCHUNG, WHICH HAD BEEN A LEADING CENTER FOR CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH AND TREATMENT IN EAST GERMANY. NAMED AFTER THE DISTINGUISHED GERMAN INTERNIST FRANZ VOLHARD, THE CLINIC BECAME A PROMINENT INSTITUTION FOCUSING ON ADVANCED CARDIOLOGICAL CARE AND RESEARCH, SERVING BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PATIENTS.













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ORANGE SCHULE IM WEDDING

THE ABANDONED ORANGE SCHOOL ON LINDOWER STRASSE IN WEDDING, BERLIN, WAS ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED IN THE 1920S AND SERVED AS A PRIMARY SCHOOL UNTIL ITS CLOSURE IN 2002. THIS ARCHITECTURAL GEM REFLECTS THE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS OF THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY IN BERLIN, TRANSITIONING FROM A BUSTLING CENTER OF LEARNING TO A NEGLECTED STRUCTURE OVER THE YEARS. THE SCHOOL'S VIBRANT COLOR AND DESIGN REPRESENT THE SPIRIT OF THE ERA, WHILE ITS CURRENT STATE STANDS IN STARK CONTRAST, TELLING A STORY OF URBAN DECAY AND THE PASSAGE OF TIME.















ORANGE SCHULE IM WEDDING

AGRONOMIE INSTITUT

THE AGRONOMY INSTITUTE IN BERLIN, LOCATED IN LICHTENBERG, WAS ONCE AN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FACILITY DURING EAST GERMANY'S ERA. IT HAS BEEN ABANDONED SINCE THE LATE 20TH CENTURY FOLLOWING GERMAN REUNIFICATION. THE BUILDING IS NOW OVERGROWN AND DECAYING, WITH SHATTERED WINDOWS AND GRAFFITI MARKING ITS LONG-NEGLECTED HALLS. THOUGH SPECIFIC DETAILS OF ITS HISTORY ARE LIMITED, ITS CURRENT STATE REFLECTS THE INDUSTRIAL DECLINE SEEN IN MANY PARTS OF BERLIN. POPULAR AMONG URBAN EXPLORERS, THE SITE SERVES AS A QUIET REMINDER OF A BYGONE ERA.















SIEMENS SBAHN

THE SIEMENSBAHN IS AN ELEVATED RAILWAY LINE OF THE BERLIN S-BAHN, STRETCHING FROM JUNGFERNHEIDE TO GARTENFELD OVER A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 4.5 KILOMETERS. IT WAS CONSTRUCTED BY THE SIEMENS & HALSKE COMPANY BETWEEN 1927 AND 1929 TO BETTER CONNECT THEIR INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IN SIEMENSSTADT TO THE S-BAHN NETWORK. THE LINE WAS DECOMMISSIONED FOLLOWING A RAILWAY STRIKE IN 1980, BUT ITS REACTIVATION IS PLANNED FOR AUTUMN 2029.















SIEMENS SBAHN

SS BROTFABRIK

THE SS BAKERY, LOCATED NEAR THE SACHSENHAUSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP, WAS BUILT BY FORCED LABORERS TO SUPPLY BREAD TO THE CAMP INMATES AND OTHER SS UNITS. ESTABLISHED BY THE NAZIS IN 1941, THIS BAKERY WAS STAFFED BY AROUND 80 PRISONERS WHO WORKED UNDER HARSH CONDITIONS, PRODUCING UP TO 40,000 LOAVES DAILY. AFTER THE WAR, THE BAKERY CONTINUED OPERATING UNDER SOVIET CONTROL AND LATER BECAME PART OF A LOCAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE. TODAY, IT STANDS ABANDONED, A HAUNTING REMINDER OF ITS DARK PAST.













SS BROTFABRIK

RAW REICHSBAHNAUSBESSERUNGSWERK POTSDAM

ESTABLISHED IN 1838 NEAR POTSDAM STATION, THE ROYAL RAILWAY MAIN WORKSHOP WAS GERMANY'S FIRST RAILWAY REPAIR FACILITY. OVER TIME, IT BECAME ONE OF POTSDAM'S LARGEST EMPLOYERS. RENAMED THE REICHSBAHNAUSBESSERUNGSWERK (RAW) IN 1871, THE SITE EXPANDED WITH HOUSING FOR ITS WORKERS. AFTER GERMAN REUNIFICATION, THE WORKSHOP WAS CLOSED AND FELL INTO DISREPAIR. HOWEVER, SOME HISTORICAL BUILDINGS, SUCH AS THE WATER TOWER, WERE PRESERVED AND REPURPOSED, WITH THE TOWER BECOMING A CAFÉ. IN 2007, THE FORMER WORKSHOP AREA BEGAN REDEVELOPMENT INTO THE CITY-QUARTIER POTSDAM.












RAW REICHSBAHNAUSBESSERUNGSWERK POTSDAM

INDUSTRIEGEBIET IM HERZBERGSTR

THE HERZBERGSTRASSE AREA IN BERLIN'S LICHTENBERG DISTRICT ONCE THRIVED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY, BUT MANY OF ITS BUILDINGS NOW LIE ABANDONED. AMONG THESE ARE REMNANTS OF OLD FACTORIES, SOME OF WHICH HAVE BEEN REPURPOSED AS ART SPACES, LIKE THE HB55 KUNSTFABRIK. DESPITE THE DECAY, THE AREA HAS SEEN A RESURGENCE WITH CREATIVE PROJECTS LIKE HERZWERK, TRANSFORMING PARTS OF THE RUINS INTO A HUB FOR ARTISTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS.















INDUSTRIEGEBIET IM HERZBERGSTR

IRAK BOTSCHAFT

THE FORMER IRAQI EMBASSY TO EAST GERMANY, LOCATED IN PANKOW, WAS BUILT IN 1974 AND ABANDONED IN 1991 DURING THE GULF WAR. DESPITE ITS DERELICT STATE, THE EMBASSY STILL RETAINS DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, LEAVING IT IN LEGAL LIMBO. IRAQ WAS THE FIRST NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE THE DDR, AND THE EMBASSY PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN DIPLOMATIC AND SECRETIVE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ALLEGATIONS OF WEAPONS STOCKPILING. NOW, THE BUILDING IS A POPULAR DESTINATION FOR URBAN EXPLORERS, WITH ITS EMPTY CORRIDORS AND SCATTERED DOCUMENTS.















IRAK BOTSCHAFT

SPREEPARK

ONCE A BUSTLING AMUSEMENT PARK BUILT BY EAST GERMANY IN 1969, SPREEPARK THRIVED DURING THE COMMUNIST ERA WITH 1.7 MILLION VISITORS ANNUALLY. AFTER REUNIFICATION, NORBERT WITTE TOOK OVER, RENAMING IT "SPREEPARK" AND ADDING NEW ATTRACTIONS, BUT HIS INVOLVEMENT IN SMUGGLING AND DWINDLING VISITORS LED TO THE PARK'S CLOSURE IN 2002. SINCE THEN, THE PARK HAS FALLEN INTO DISREPAIR, BECOMING OVERGROWN AND PARTIALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE. THE CITY OF BERLIN NOW OWNS THE SITE, AND PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO TRANSFORM IT INTO A CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL AREA.

















SPREEPARK