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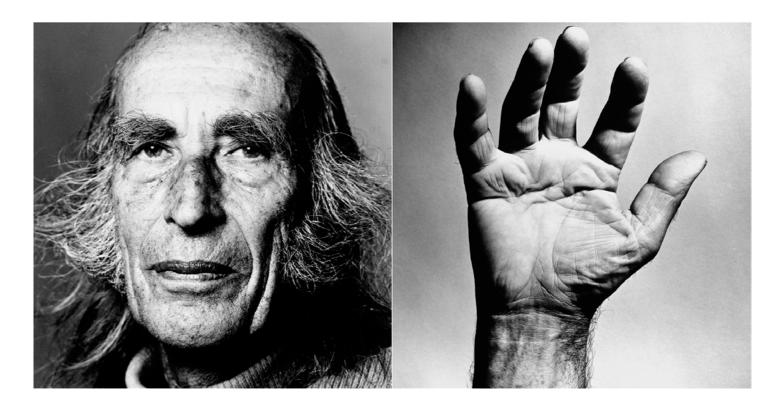
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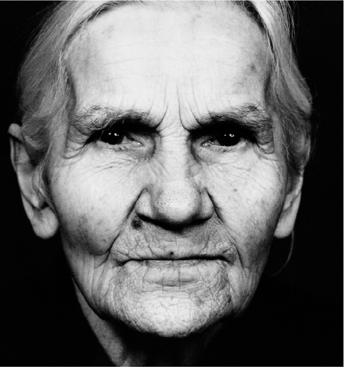
The work presented here is in 24 separate pictures, in which the photographer positions the portrait, and the hand of the person facing opposite each other in the form of a diptych. The result is a psychological photogram with strong sculptural potential. What the face doesn't say, the hands do. And the exchange in this relationship produces its own dyamics. The series was distinguished with the Kodak Portrait Prize and the Hasselblad Fine Art Award, and also represented in the Polaroid Collection in the USA, the collection of Fritz Huber in Germany, and in the National Library (Bibliotheque Nationale) in Paris, France.







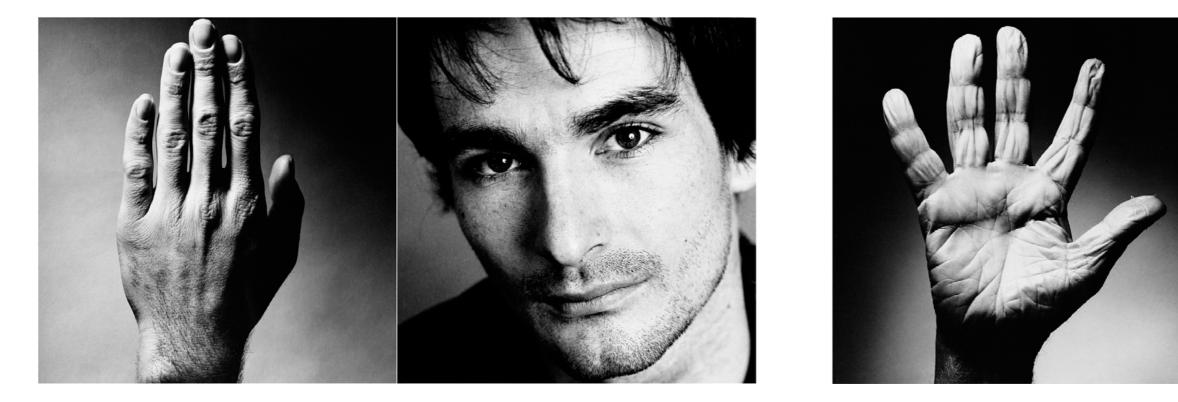


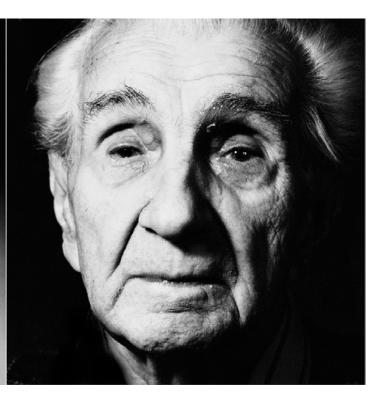


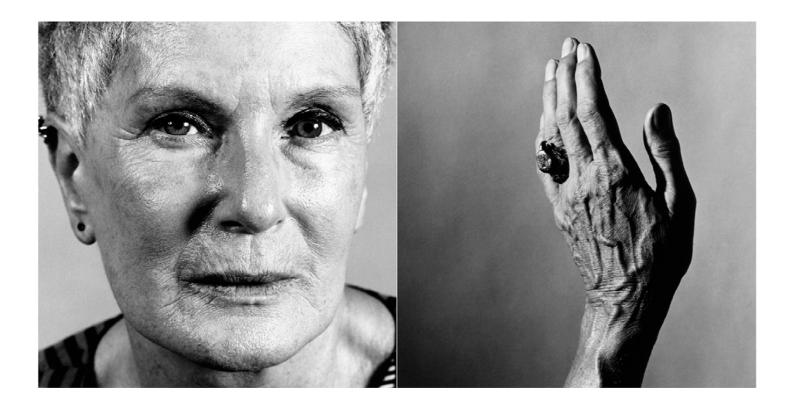




















Reviews

Portraits that are soul searching. With his Diptych series, the Berlin photographer researched the interaction between facial expressions and hand positions.

"Interestingly enough, women showed much more reserved positions with their open hands. The illustration of their hands appeared to be a lot more intimate than that of their faces." --Bert Loewenherz In the meantime, the artist is working on a follow-

Loewenherz searches for realism in the representation, and works for hours to bring out the inner life of his models. First the face is photographed, and then the hands. It is amazing to see the grace, and the fragility that his hand studies radiate, their position says far more than any stony facial expression.

"The face is the most important point of recognition in a person. It is the object of evaluation and opinion. Others can read it. For this reason, we have consciously learned how to control our faces. On the other side, the hands are unconsciously immediate"; says the photographer.

In the meantime, the artist is working on a follow-up series, in which he continues to explore the "Presentation of the Micro and Macrocosms that is the Similarity of all Things".

The pictures in his Diptych series have received the highest awards; and are a permanent fixture in many well-known international collections.

Manfred Zollner, Chiefeditor Fotomagazin



Reviews

"This photographic work engraved itself in my memory, like the lines in my hand." - James Enyeart, Director International Museum of Photography at George Eastman House, New York

"This work goes to the substance of the person."

- Florian Hufnagel Director, New Collections, Staatliches Museum, Munich

"Essential Ingeniousness. To the point."

- Manfred Heiting, Collector, Publicist, Exhibitor

"This wonderful photo project belongs in museums."

- F.C. Gundlach, Gallerist. Collector, Curator

"Bert Loewenherz has with the help of genially simple arrangements, brought new life to an old genre."

- Dr. Reinhold Misselbeck, Curator, Museum Ludwig, Cologne



Reviews

"Bert Loewenherz opens a great portfolio, which offers the first passkey with two photos: A face. And an unusually beautiful pair of hands, both singularly set within the same scene. The work that I am beholding, appears to me like a solution to the Gordian knot of portrait photography. When one asks oneself; how do you show the life story of a person? The answer is: In the face, and in the hands.

If one tries to capture them both in the same picture, the hands are at best an accessory with little power of expression. Bert Loewenherz has solved this problem in a simple and genial way, by separating both, and then putting them back together in a new way.

The hand and the face are photographed singularly, and then presented juxtaposed to each other. Sometimes with the hand on the right side, and the face on the left; sometimes the other way around, depending on the direction the lines run. The interrelationship between the two exposures produce their own energy that makes it superfluous to know who the portrayed are, because the photos tell us everything about their history." -- Dr. Martina Mettner, Umschau-Publisher

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Exhibitions

Update, Berlin 2015 Month of Photography, Berlin 2014 Private Thursday, Berlin 2013 Atelier MooGreen, Berlin 2012 Galerie Photo Edition, Berlin 2010 Art Directors Club, Berlin 2008 Art Directors Club, Berlin 2007 Photokina, Köln 2004 Art Directors Club, Berlin 2004 Art Directors Club, Berlin 2003 Einstein, München 2002 HeiligGeistKirche, Frankfurt 2002 Mahnmal St. Nikolai, Hamburg 2002 Art Directors Club, Berlin 2002 Staatsbank, Berlin 2001 Art Directors Club, Berlin 2000 Month of Photography, Bratislava 2000 ESD Galerie, Berlin 1999 Art Directors Club, Berlin 1999 Internationale Fototage, Herten 1999 Kunstamt Reinickendorf, Berlin 1999 Zoofestsäle, Wuppertal 1999 Galerie U Recickych, Prag 1998 Galerie KunstNetzWerk, München 1998 Photokina, Köln 1998 Stiftung Starke im Löwenpalais, Berlin1998 Photokina Kodak Galerie, Köln 1996 Deutsche Fototage, Frankfurt 1996 PPS Galerie, Berlin 1996 Museum für virtuelle Kunst, Erfurt 1995 Salon of Photographic Art, Rovigno 1995 Photokina, Köln 1994 Deutsche Fototage, Frankfurt 1993 Museo di Fotografia Contemporanea, Brescia 1993 Galerie 77, Berlin 1992 Kulturstiftung Schloss Britz, Berlin 1991 Historisches Museum, Frankfurt 1991 Photographers Gallery, London 1990 PhotoArt, Heidelberg 1990 Arts&Technology Museum, Milano 1989 Galerie Frank Müller, Berlin 1987 October Gallery, London 1986 Selbach Galerie, Berlin 1984

Awards

Midas Award of Excellence, New York Art Directors Club Europe Award Kodak Gold Circle Award Kodak Talents Award Scholarship by the Cinematheque Francaise, Paris Honorary appointment into the German Photographic Society OBS Award Corporate Communication. Hasselblad Fine Art Award Kodak Portrait Award Berlin Artists Fund Invitation by the Goethe Instituts, Paris

Collections

Collection Bibliotheque Nationale, France The Polaroid Collection, USA The Lorenzo Merlo Collection, Italy The Fritz Huber Collection at Museum Ludwig, Germany The Hand Collection Prof. Dr. Vaubel, Germany The Bert Hartkamp Collection, Netherlands Collection Machiel Botmann, Netherlands Collection Deutsche Fototage, Germany Collection Kunst & Bild, Germany Collection Museo di Fotografia Contemporanea, Italy

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