

Jean Michel Berts (Tokyolith)

Fascinated by vending machines and cigarettes machines while he was in Tokyo, Jean Michel Berts was inspired to make his "Tokyolith": a real look on the "consuming" city. Each work is unique, the pleasure for the artist was to play with the symbols of this consuming society but without falling into its negative stereotypes.

The Tokyolith have the same composition:

- Quantity represents consumption
- Repetition makes the collective imaginary exist
- The color symbolizes the subjective perception of the idea and indirectly the control of senses.

Self taught photograph since the prodigious age of 16, Jean Michel Berts started his shots of series in the cities in 2003. After Venice, Milan and New York, he stops in Tokyo...

EXHIBITIONS

2014

AAF Hong Kong with Envie d'Art galleries

"Jerusalem" exhibition, Envie d'Art Galery, Paris

2013

AAF Hong Kong with Envie d'Art galleries

AAF New York

"Tokyolith" exhibition, Envie d'Art Galery, Paris

2012

"Light of Istanbul", Istanbul Irem Kiney Gallery

London Art Fair

Affordable Art Fair, Milan

Envie d'Art Gallery, Paris

2011

"City portraits", Envie d'Art gallery, London

"City portraits", Young gallery, Belgium

"City portraits" Boutiques Jaquet Droz, Paris

Samagra Gallery, Paris

Affordable Art Fair, London and Singapore

2010

Prize: 'Best photographic book of the year' for "Light of Armenia"

"Light of Armenia" exhibition, Geneva Fair Book

"Light of Armenia" BaselWorld Exhibition

"Tokyolith" exhibition, Envie d'Art gallery, Paris

Gallery 21, Tokyo

"Light of Armenia", Hotel des Centraliens, Paris

"Tokyolith" exhibition, Envie d'Art gallery, London

2009

Galerie Sous les Etoiles, New York

Samagra gallery, New York

"Light of Armenia", Just Jaeckin gallery

2008

Form Art Fair, London

Glasgow Art Fair

Art London

Affordable Art Fair, New York

Envie d'Art, Paris

Linéart, Ghent

2007

Gallery "Under the Stars", New York

Affordable Art Fair, New York

Historical Library of the City of Paris

Phoenix Editions, Las Vegas

2006

Embassy of France, Berlin and Lebanon

Exhibition of French Arts & Crafts, Moscow

2005

Camerawork Gallery, Hamburg and Berlin

Eric Franck Gallery, Brussels and London

Contemporary Fine Art, Saint Tropez