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Robert Fleischanderl Warum lachst du nicht? 14 Geschichten über häusliche Gewalt

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Raise awareness about the issue of domestic violence!

Addressing socially relevant topics is a core concern of Kehrer Verlag. Subjects with social urgency and taboo topics are also not excluded. Domestic violence undoubtedly belongs in this category. The recently published statistics from the German Federal Criminal Police Office sadly illustrate how current this social problem actually is. In 2023, the number of people affected by domestic violence increased by 6.5 percent compared to the previous year. Last year, 256,276 people in Germany were victims of domestic violence, 70 percent of whom were female.

Austrian photographer Robert Fleischanderl has engaged with this sensitive and difficult topic in his photo book *Warum lachst du nicht? 14 Geschichten über häusliche Gewalt.*

Initiated by the Violence Protection Center Lower Austria for violence prevention, victim support, and victim protection, and in cooperation with the Federal Association of Austrian Violence Protection Centers, Fleischanderl's photo art project emerged after more than two years of work. Eighty-one photo-text pairs $document\ various\ aspects\ of\ domestic\ violence\ against\ women$ and children. The apartments where the violent crimes occurred are the focus of the photographs. These are often crime scenes, but as such with one exception no longer recognizable, as all traces of the crimes have been removed. Thus, the photos appear almost unremarkable and ordinary at first glance. However, through the texts that accompany each photo, in which Fleischanderl gives a voice to the affected individuals, the images become charged, making the dynamics of violent relationships painfully visible. In addition to quotes from the victims from court records, medical findings and police reports are also shown, always maintaining the anonymity of those affected.

The stories of violence are supplemented with quotes from interviews with counselors from the Violence Protection Center and a glossary of terms related to structural violence.

This photo art project aims to honor the stories of all those affected, making their voices heard and visible. It seeks to raise awareness of the socially highly sensitive issue of domestic violence and to enable a low-threshold and nuanced engagement through an artistic approach. Kehrer Verlag will donate a portion of its proceeds from the sale of the book to a women's shelter in Germany.

Robert Fleischanderl was born in 1967 in Tyrol. He is an artist and photographer. After studying chemistry, he completed an internship at Magnum Photos in New York. He then pursued a master's degree at Goldsmiths College, University of London. Fleischanderl's works have been published internationally and have received several awards, including the Austrian State Scholarship for Artistic Photography.

Exhibitions

Art Fair Vienna, Austria 11.09.-15.09.2024

Art Exhibition in Plublic Space
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