

The Danube River Project

Photo, video and sound exhibition by Andreas Müller-Pohle



Synopsis. The Danube is the European river par excellence. On its way to the “new Europe,” it flows through ten states – Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Moldova, the Ukraine and Romania – and thus more countries and landscapes than any other river on the continent.

Berlin photographer and media artist Andreas Müller-Pohle has produced an extraordinary portrait of this mighty river in his “Danube River Project”. The photographs, taken from both below and above the river’s surface, provide a “intriguing fresh vision” (Ivaylo Ditchev) of the Danube with its unique urban panoramas and natural phenomena, its bridges, harbors and factories.

Müller-Pohle’s poetically documentary view of the Danube also includes the water as a chemical substrate: Water samples taken from the spots photographed have been chemically analyzed and the values inscribed into the image. The result is a “pictorial atlas” and a “blood count” all in one: an aesthetic and scientific compendium of Europe’s most important river, from the Black Forest to the Black Sea.

Exhibition. The exhibition comprises 80 photographs and a video and sound presentation (smallest-scale installation: 30 photographs). The sound comes from a CD player, with amplifier and two loudspeakers, the video is played on a DVD player with monitor or a projector. All the photographs are in black wooden frames, 62.5 x 87.3 x 3 cm each; weight per frame is 5.4 kg.

Projection. Large-scale outdoor projections of up to 92 images can be arranged in city or landscape surroundings.

Catalog. A catalog is available from Peperoni Books, Berlin, with an essay by Ivaylo Ditchev (Sofia), a legend of the water parameters and a project description by the artist. Texts in English and German. 176 pp., 72 reproductions, full color, hardbound. ISBN 3-9809677-5-1. EUR 42,00.

Cost. The exhibition is available for a rental fee of EUR 3000/month plus insurance and transportation costs.

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