

BIOGRAPHY

Artists

Martin Essl

Born in 1982, the Austrian photographer Martin Essl lives and works in Paris. He discovered photography as a child, in the laboratory set up in their home by his father, and studied at the University of Art in Linz, Austria and at the École Nationale Supérieure des Arts Appliqués et des Métiers d'Art in Paris. In July 2015, he published his first book, *Le Château Rouge N°1*, with Kehrer Verlag. The first title in a series of photographic essays and the result of a three-year work started when Martin Essl moved to Paris. The Parisian metro station that gives the book its title becomes the starting point for a dreamlike and colourful fiction. The photographer proposes a poetic journey offered to the viewer's imagination, an intimate and luminous notebook of everyday life. *Le Château Rouge N°1* was awarded the Photo Folio Review prize at the Rencontres d'Arles in 2015.

Solo &
Group shows**2021**

Unseen, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Amsterdam
PHOTO LONDON, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, London
VISAGE(S) D'EUROPE, Hôtel de Ville, Paris

2020

PEP x RATP Photo Festival, Paris

2019

PARIS PHOTO, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris
MIA Photo Fair, Podbielski Contemporary, Milan

2018

Le Château Rouge No 1, Espace JB, Genève, Suisse

2017

Haute Photographie, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Rotterdam, Pays-Bas
Photo London, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Londres, Grande-Bretagne

2016

Institut Finlandais, Paris, France
Photo Basel, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Bâle, Suisse
Les Rencontres d'Arles, Arles Books, Arles, France
Athens Photo Festival 2016, the Photobook Exhibition, Benaki Museum, Athènes, Grèce
Unseen, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Amsterdam, Pays-Bas
Le Château Rouge No 1, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Paris, France

Publications**2016**

Der Greif, artiste sélectionné
IDEAT, publication produite par Les Rencontres d'Arles

2015

Le Château Rouge N°1, Kehrer Verlag, Heidelberg, Berlin
Der Greif, sélection de Robert Morat
Harvey Bengé
Fotografia Magazine

Awards**2016**

Le Château Rouge N°1 est nominé pour le German Photo Book Award

2015

Arles Photo Folio Review - Coup de coeur

2012

Az W Photo Award - nominé
Bourse Fine Art Photography du Ministère de la Culture autrichien