Media information

ECHORAUM IX
»Gathering of the Facades«
17 May to 6 October 2013

Opening: 16 May 2013 at 7 p.m.

Curated by Gina Fischli, Rebekka Seubert and Susanne Stroh from the University of Fine Arts of Hamburg (HFBK) under the aegis of Professor Martin Köttering

»Gathering of the Facades«, presented in the Echo Room of the Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bonn, is the third exhibition in the two-year cooperation with the University of Fine Arts of Hamburg.

Gathering of the Facades! The foundations are beginning to shift, shaking our faith in the immutable solidity of the solid and the softness of the soft. Bringing together different artistic approaches to the appropriation of space and architecture, the exhibition presents works that bore their way into the walls, liquefy the masonry, cut open the façade and – at least temporarily – occupy the basement of the Art and Exhibition Hall. The interaction between artistic intervention and architecture casts the clashing opposites of inert stone and creative liveliness into stark relief. We have come to recognise the importance of inchoate in-between-states; doubts about rigidly inflexible structures inform the way we act and think. At the same time, technological and economic developments force more and more people to adopt a nomadic lifestyle. Permanent fluctuation and instability give rise to a need for something reassuringly fixed and tangible, something that allows us to lay claim to a space and make it ours.

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