# STORIES OF BERLIN 26/8/-24/9/23

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From 10/2020 to 3/2021, Marc Samper has intensively explored the natural and urban landscape of Berlin, the people and objects he located during his fellowship. In his video work »Haiku 7 minute series« the artist created a meditative atmosphere that contrasts with the noise and speed of contemporary urban culture. This effect is intensified by applying a Far Eastern poetic art to Samper's artistic practice. He stages his video works partly as visual haikus, thus telling entire everyday stories in poetic, concise sequences.

One noteworthy aspect of Haiku is its endeavour to capture the appearrance of emptiness or nothingness through the expression of minimal events. Haiku represents reality as a vanishing act, employing a paradoxical mode of thinking similar to that found in Zen philosophy: Haiku is the cancellation of what happens, as it happens.

### Biography

Marc Samper is a visual artist, experimental filmmaker and photographer from Barcelona. Having studied a degree in Philosophy at the University of Barcelona, and a master in Cinema at Pompeu Fabra University, his interest lies in an anthology and phenomenology of images in the Global Mass Media context, the new currents of speculative metaphysics, and an experimental study on mysticism and Technique. Since 2018, Marc has participated in several experimental film festivals, screenings, exhibitions and residencies.

# Fresh A.I.R. FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Fresh A.I.R. is the artist-in-residence programme of the Foundation Berliner Leben. It was established to support emerging artists from across Europe, to foster their creative development, to present their art to a broad audience, and to advance their careers on an international level. Since its inception in 2018, Fresh A.I.R. has hosted and promoted **98 artists** from **27 countries**. Over **400 people** from Berlin have contributed to the artistic projects as well as **104 places** that were at the center of the artists' engagement with Berlin's urban space.

We are proud of the development and growth of our programme! And we will continue to realise our vision in the years to come. To mark our **5th year of** existence, we cordially invite you to visit our Fresh A.I.R. anniversary exhibition **»STORIES OF BERLIN«**.

The exhibition features video-artistic works by three former Fresh A.I.R. fellows who were active in Berlin between 2020 and 2022. In their videos, **Tomáš Kajá-nek** (CZE), **Lotte Reimann** (GER) and **Marc Samper** (ESP) explore the past and present of Berlin and its inhabitants and open up sensitive approaches to subcultures and offline realities. Surprising confessions as well as unique insights into the family archives allow the viewers to enter areas that mostly remain unnoticed by the mainstream media. In this way, some new sides of Berlin and its inhabitants can be discovered.

You want to see some real Berlin? Come and drop by. It's waiting for you.

## »STORIES OF BERLIN« Exhibition at the Project Space of URBAN NATION Museum for Urban Contemporary Art Bülowstr. 97 10783 Berlin

#### 26/8/2023

6 p.m. Exhibition Opening on the occasion of the Long Night of Museums Berlin

#### **Opening hours**

Tue + Wed 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thu - Sun 12 - 8 p.m. Closed on Mondays

#### Fresh A.I.R.

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