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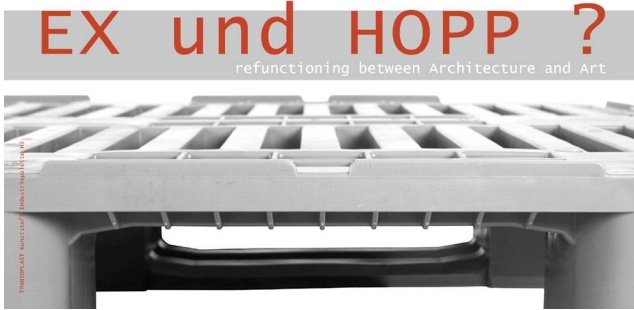
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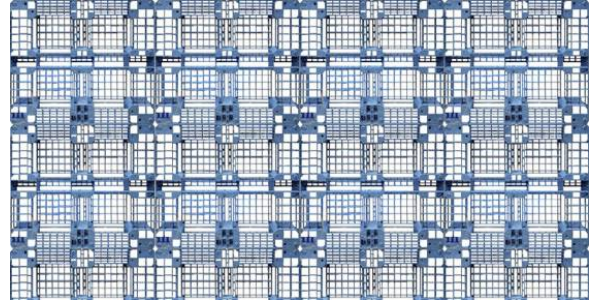
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PRESS RELEASE

EX und HOPP ? refunctioning between Architecture and Art



TRANSOPLAST Kunststoff Industriepalette H3 (Detail)



Vernissage: Friday, 1. May 2015, 7-10pm, the artists are present

Exhibition: 2. May - 27. May 2015

RECONSTRUCTION, facade:

Anna Borgman + Candy Lenk | BORGMAN|LENK | borgmanlenk.com

Jan Koerbes | REFUNC | refunc.nl

Interior installation: Ingrid Sabatier + Stephan Schwarz | ISSSresearch&architecture | issresearch.com

Vanessa Enriquez | vanessaenriquez.net

Curator: Irina Ilieva

AquabitArt gallery is pleased to present the second exhibition from the Art + Architecture series : *Ex und Hopp ?*.

Following the *CONNECTION ?* exhibit in 2014, our focus is directed at the issues of resource-saving design, Re-use and Re-functioning. This appears in a special installation, where everyday materials become something special, become art.

The title *EX und HOPP ?* refers to the one-way bottle hype of the 70's and the start of a great enthusiasm for material plastic, which led to the widely established modern **throwaway culture**.

As part of the exhibition, the artists install an ornamental facade constructed from plastic disposable pallets in front of the gallery. Inspired by the recurring **ornamentation in architecture**, they grapple with the relationship between ornament and function. Going back to Adolf Loos (*Ornament and Crime*), *Ex und Hopp ?* develops the question of ornament as an obstacle for new cultural development. We focus on the recycling culture and its ability to transform the functional form into pure ornamentation.

The "new ornament" on the facade is transmitted through its imprint on the gallery's walls. The gallery space becomes a container of the entire room installation. Newspaper pieces are printed with pallets pattern and in this way they transform from an everyday object or Left-over to **ready-made unique copies**.

Images of the space development will be on display during the exhibition.

The gallery will offer space for discussions and for different communication formats.

The exhibition will include special events, performances, project presentations, and will coincide with Gallery Weekend (May 1st to 3th) and the Month of Performance Art – Berlin.

The current program can be found on the website: www.art.aquabit.com

The gallery **aquabitArt** Berlin:

aquabitArt – the name stands for the combination of art presentations, architecture and web design. The architect Irina Ilieva is the founder and gallerist. In her gallery, which opened at the beginning of 2009 in Auguststrasse 35, she shows current artistic positions within the experimental field between painting, sculpting, performance and new media.

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