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Spanish Photographer Chema Madoz on Display at Robert Klein Gallery



CHEMA MADOZ, *Untitled, Madrid, 2001*

Sin Titulo

Photographs by Chema Madoz

Robert Klein Gallery
38 Newbury St
May 10 – June 21, 2014

Opening Reception
Saturday, May 10, 2 – 5 PM

BOSTON, MA – Spanish photographer Chema Madoz, whose minimal and surreal black and white photographs have been exhibited extensively worldwide, will be exhibited in Boston for the first time with a solo show at the Robert Klein Gallery. The exhibition, *Sin Titulo*, will open with a reception on Saturday, May 10, from 2 to 5 PM and run through June 21, 2014.

A noose made of pearls. A cloud in a birdcage. Madoz's images are fanciful, poetic, humorous and contemplative. As both object-creator and image-maker, Madoz is doubly involved in the final product; he is as much behind the lens as he is in front of it. Even so, his presence is hardly felt. Beautifully printed and toned gelatin silver prints, these photographs do not present as overly constructed or clever. Instead, in the Surrealist tradition of Man Ray, Dora Maar, Brassai, and Salvador Dalí, they prompt us to look beyond what we see.

Toying with the concept of photography and its "special status with regard to the real," as Rosalind Krauss writes in the 1985 exhibition catalog for *L'amour fou: Photography & surrealism*, Madoz imagines illusory relationships between real objects. In presenting the unexpected, he asks the viewer to make a mental leap and celebrates the cognitive dissonance that comes about as a result.

Madoz's curiosity with objects started at a very young age. In an interview with José María Parreño, published in *Chema Madoz: 2000-2005*, Madoz recalls a watershed moment in elementary school:

I arrived late on the first day of class. All the other children were already seated around a large table in the kitchen and there was no space for me. The teacher said, Don't worry, we'll prepare a place right away, and she opened the door of the oven so that I could use it as a desk. I sat down on my stool with my notebook lying on the open door and looked into the black interior of the oven.

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Born in Madrid, Spain, in 1958, Chema Madoz studied art history at the Centro de Enseñanza de la Imagen. His work has been shown throughout Europe, Asia, South America, and the United States and is in museum collections worldwide. Madoz will have an exhibition in France at *Les Rencontres d'Arles Photographie 2014* later this year.

The *Sin Titulo* reception on Saturday, May 10, will be held from 2 to 5 PM and take place jointly with Martha Richardson Gallery, whose show *John Wilson: small drawings* will also be opening. The event is free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served.

ROBERT KLEIN GALLERY was established in 1980 and ranks among the world's most prestigious showrooms of fine art photography.

Robert Klein opened his Newbury Street space with early exhibitions of Diane Arbus, Annie Leibovitz, Sally Mann, and Hiroshi Sugimoto. From 1995 through 2008, Robert served as President of the Board of Directors of the Association of International Photography Art Dealers (AIPAD). During his tenure, Robert engineered the 2006 expansion of The AIPAD Photography Show New York to the Park Avenue Armory. The AIPAD Photography Show's move firmly established it as one of the leading photographic fairs in the world.

Robert Klein Gallery maintains an extensive and ever-changing inventory of 19th century, 20th century, and contemporary photographs. Participating in international art fairs such as Paris Photo, The Armory Show – Modern, and The AIPAD Photography Show in New York, Robert Klein Gallery provides its contemporary artists with international exposure while exhibiting works by recognized masters such as Ansel Adams, Helen Levitt, and Irving Penn. With 40 combined years of experience and a profound knowledge base, the gallery staff is committed to serving as a resource for both novice and seasoned collectors.

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Saturday, 11 AM – 5 PM

In June 2012, Robert Klein Gallery began a long-term collaboration with Ars Libri to host satellite installations in the South End bookstore. Exhibits at Ars Libri supplement and complement Robert Klein Gallery shows with additional works and printed material.

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