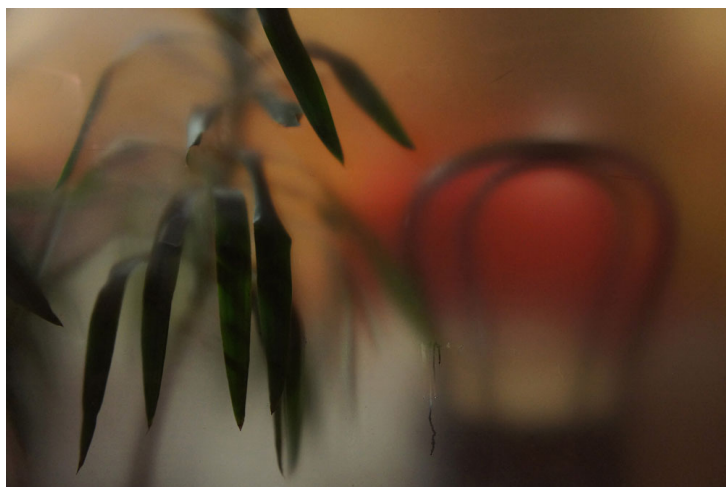


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Sublime Color Photographs by Jessica Backhaus Exhibited in Boston for the First Time



JESSICA BACKHAUS, *Wondering* (from the series *Once, Still and Forever*), 2012

JESSICA BACKHAUS

@ Robert Klein Gallery
October 5 – November 30, 2013
Reception October 5, 2 – 5 PM

@ Ars Libri
October 4 – 26, 2013
Reception October 4, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

BOSTON, MA – Robert Klein Gallery (38 Newbury St) is delighted to announce an exhibition of photographs by Jessica Backhaus. Known for her sublime sense of color and time, Backhaus has her first major museum show this fall at Kunsthalle Erfurt in Germany. She is represented exclusively in the United States by Robert Klein Gallery.

As the first dealer to present Backhaus in Boston, Robert Klein Gallery will have shows simultaneously on Newbury Street and at Ars Libri (500 Harrison Ave), its satellite gallery space, beginning Friday, October 4.

Elisabeth Biondi, *The New Yorker's* former Visuals Editor, writes: “[Backhaus’] pictures are lyrical foremost, sometimes moody, sometimes happy... It strikes me when looking at the collection of her pictures...that they become a wonderful tapestry of color, light, and shadows. Timeless.”

Born in Germany in 1970, Backhaus left for Paris when she was sixteen to study photography with the pioneering female photographer Gisèle Freund. By her mid-twenties, Backhaus was living in New York City, where she cultivated an affinity for and dexterity with bright colors. With shades of cobalt, violet, and ruby, she singlehandedly defies the notion that melancholy – or its close cousin, nostalgia – must be dull and dark.

A selection of images from Backhaus' 2012 monograph *Once, Still and Forever* will be on display at Robert Klein Gallery from Saturday, October 5, through Saturday, November 30. Earlier work from the series *I Wanted To See The World* and *Symphony of Shadows* will be on view at Ars Libri from Friday, October 4, through Saturday, October 26.

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To celebrate the opening of this two-part exhibition, a reception will be held at Ars Libri on Friday, October 4, as part of the South End's First Fridays from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. On Saturday, October 5, an open house will be held at Robert Klein Gallery from 2 to 5 PM. Light refreshments will be served. Both events are free and open to the public.

The **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 continues to serve on AIPAD's Board of Directors.

The 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, the 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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Tuesday – Friday, 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Saturday, 11 AM – 5 PM

ARS LIBRI, the internationally renowned rare bookdealer in the field of art, architecture, and photography, continues to show changing selections from its stock in its gallery at 500 Harrison Avenue. These include rare illustrated books, photographs, posters, and documents of Dada, Surrealism, Expressionism, Pop, Fluxus, and other modern art movements, as well as Renaissance and Baroque architectural treatises, Islamic manuscripts, 19th century photographs, and classic *livres d'artiste* by Picasso and Matisse.

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