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WOLFGANG LAIB

Türme des Schweigens - Towers of Silence

Buchmann Galerie is pleased to announce the opening of our exhibition dedicated to **Wolfgang Laib** (Metzingen, *1950) at the exhibition space **Buchmann Lugano**.

The sculptures from the *Towers of Silence* group – recently exhibited in Florence in the Rucellai Chapel (Marino Marini Museum), on the occasion of the great exhibition dedicated to the German artist in various historical places in the city – are made of beeswax, a material that gives a sort of auratic, almost sacred dimension.

Despite their apparent simplicity, Laib's works are full of references to ancient civilizations and monuments, as well as to the history of art itself, and at the same time they intertwine Eastern and Western traditions and culture to give life to a universal expressive language.

Through his works, the artist has the unique ability to make the beholder live an aesthetic and sensorial experience, bringing it back to an essential primordial condition, to a moment without place or time, thus stopping the frenzy of everyday life, at least for a moment. For more than thirty years, Wolfgang Laib's overall work has stood out from traditional classifications and has maintained a high and original quality ever since.

The exhibition will also feature drawings of a poetic minimalism and the delicacy and lightness typical of the artist's paper production.

Wolfgang Laib has been considered one of the most respected and admired German artists on an international level. In 2015 he was awarded the *Praemium Imperiale* for sculpture in Japan. His works can be found in important collections such as: the MoMa in New York, the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, the Centre Pompidou in Paris, the Kunstmuseum in Bonn, the Kunsthhaus in Zurich, the Kunstmuseum St. Gallen, the MASI in Lugano and many others.

For more information about the artist and to request images of the exhibition, please contact the gallery.

Buchmann Lugano

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