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17 March - 31 May 2023

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Within the framework of the EMOP Berlin

Manfred Paul

The Long Journeys

Photographs from Romania, India and Paris



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Paris 1988

Manfred Paul's photography engages with existential questions of the human condition. Over the course of three long trips to Romania (1978), Paris (1988) and India (1989), he created images that become parables to understand the passing of all things in life. At the same time, they show how political and social circumstances are reflected in the artist's view of the world. This is the first time that these works are on display in Berlin.

For Manfred Paul, photography is a medium that he uses to arrive at his own truth. The photographs of his long journeys thus do not merely bear witness to a certain place at a certain time. They also reveal a continuous attempt to find a suitable form for his experiences. The classical compositions of the photographs taken in Romania intend to preserve something that will soon be lost. The photographs from Paris, on the other hand, recount Paul's first time using a Leica camera and the novelty of being in a predominantly consumption-oriented urban environment. In India, Paul aimed to create images he thought worthy of the drastic moments of life and death that he encountered there.

Manfred Paul (b. 1942 in Schraplau) is considered one of the most renowned East German photographers. He studied photography at the Academy of Fine Arts Leipzig (HGB Leipzig) and camera at the Film University Babelsberg (Hochschule für Film und Fernsehen Potsdam Babelsberg). His works are included in numerous important collections, e.g. the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Bibliothèque Nationale de France in Paris. He lives and works in Berlin.

Exhibition duration
17.3. – 31.5.2023

Opening
Thursday, 16 March 2023
7:30 pm

Introduction
Prof. Dr. Eugen Blume
Art historian

Artist talk
with Manfred Paul and
Franziska Schmidt
Wednesday, 10 May
7 pm

**Finissage and tour
through the exhibition**
with Manfred Paul and
Barbara Esch Marowski
Wednesday, 31 May
6:30 pm

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