

Capitain Petzel

KUNST IM HEIM October 31 - December 17, 2008

From 1961 to 1964 seven landmarks of East German architecture were constructed on Karl-Marx-Allee, the principal thoroughfare of Communist East Berlin and, ultimately, the route to Eastern Europe and Moscow. ‚Kunst im Heim‘, or Art in your Home, was the name of Karl-Marx-Allee 45, a classic example of East German Modernism, designed by Josef Kaiser and Walter Franek and built in 1964 to house displays of Fine and Applied Arts from the Republic and elsewhere in the Eastern Bloc.

‚Kunst im Heim‘ is the opening exhibition of Capitain & Petzel at Karl-Marx-Allee 45 and, to inaugurate the new space, artists of Galerie Gisela Capitain and Friedrich Petzel Gallery have been invited to respond to the architecture, form, history and surroundings of the pavilion. Following research of archival imagery and architectural publications from the period, ‚Kunst im Heim‘ era display-cases have been recreated to be installed in the building, allowing the artists to interact with the space, both from its historical perspective and also as a gallery of Contemporary Art, with three very different exhibition spaces.

Artists will include Cosima von Bonin, Matthew Brannon, Troy Brauntuch, Maria Brunner, Gillian Carnegie, Günther Förg, Anna Gaskell, Wade Guyton, Margarete Jakschik, Martin Kippenberger, Maria Lassnig, Zoe Leonard, Laura Owens, Joyce Pensato, Ascan Pinckernelle, Seth Price, Stephen Prina, Sam Samore, Elfie Semotan, Dirk Skreber, Monika Sosnowska, Nicola Tyson, Tris Vonna-Michell, Kelley Walker, Christopher Williams, Christopher Wool