

EDITION, REPETITION, COMPETITIONJosef Strau

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                                        Flowers
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                                        Redemptions
                      and
                      I should
                                        include here
                      more fragments of a proposal for
                       draft of notes for
                                        preparing a text
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                       concerning
                                           redemption, with
                       partial disablement and circumvention
                                                                                                                   tions
                        through preventive modes of self reflexive compre-
                         hensions, which are probably in fact modes of apol-
                           ogy or in other words represent the dispositive of fear. Sorry
                             for that. But in a similar mode as the moon is the puzzling companion
                                 of the nocturnal rambler of the country side, who could not be left behind wherever
                                 the direction would go to, as much fear is the companion of the literary genre of self expres-
                              sive structure of writing and at least if self expressiveness is accepted and confessed by the self
                            evolving author, fear is obvious in the cloudless night of the myzteries of narrating or relating within
                          the structures of language.
                        What is redemption, what is photography? Is there a photographic category as the
                                                                                                               portraits not
                       unlike the presentation of a group of randomly mixed collection of photographs,
                                                                                                                present-
                     ing such a collection in a publication you have to make a deeper investigation of the
                     means of photography. As we know from the theoretician of photography, photography is
                     a melanycholic practice, and maybe there-
                                                                    fore the guiet echo or maybe similar to the practice of
                        redemption or in fact not the practice of its
                                                                        production but the practice of looking at them a
                            deeply melancholic practice as the prac-
                                                                              tice of looking at the archive of history
              Every
                                 in order to redeem the events of
                                                                                            the past.
          invitation to
       look at a book with
                                                                                     Edición
     photography is an invita-
                                                              tion to open
        the doors to melancholy in any case, therefore somehow similar to
                                                                                    Reden-
        the reading of biographies. To make this essay more valuable in this
                                                                                     ción
                                                                                      Compe-
      photo collection, I should focus on the idea of looking at the artists of
     redemption as photographers, photographers without their own camera
                                                                                       tencia
   work, somehow it
                           is referencing that they are poets from the begin-
 ning in their whole
                                 practice in their
                                                               living as artists of
redemption even,
                                 somehow
                                                                expanding the
                                                                 making any
                                 when not
                                 of the photogra-
                                                                    phy the final
                                 safe the concept
                                                                     of the redemp
                                 salvation of the
                                                                      production, the
                                 orthodox pho-
                                                                       tography as
                                 necessary
                                                                       mediation of the
                                 great aim which
                                                                        is the redemp-
                                 tion, as purifica-
                                                                          tion of his own
                                 life, defiled by
                                                                          the productive
                                 and competitive
                                                                           attitude.
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                                                                                                  sure there had been a
                                    Edition, Rep-
                                                                                             general agreement in how to
                                    etition, Compe-
                                                                                        translate the german word of "erweit-
                                   tition
                                                                                     erter kunstbegriff", but I tried to find
                                                                                  something myself to translate kunstbegriff as
                                                                                artterm, but erweitert as expanded, or
                                                                               extended, but the term could mean today as
                                                                             double translation the "upgraded", and there-
     poets, messiah,
                                                                            fore felt good with the idea of the artists main
                                                                           operation to be the upgrading of the general
                                                                         artterm, a procedure as for instance the
                                                                      practice to make the art production a produc-
                                                                  tion of redemption, although I believe it was
                                                             more intended to say the broadened artterm, or the
                                                          enlarged artterm, like the broadening horizon, or maybe
                                                         more sculptural the funneled artterm. But as it is meant to be
                                                       not for art historian, but rather for the art production itself, meant
                                                   more in the sense of the activated, the rearmed artterm, the scaffolded
                                           artterm or artterm activated as assembled artterm by the artist as a kind of
                                          assemblymen, and finally enjoyed its recovery as the startup artterm. But I
                                         stayed with the translation to call it "the upgraded artterm" and define the
                                         same as the pleasure and obligation of the contemporary artist, most of all
                                         embodied in the redemptive model, which is the model to upgrade the
                                          artterm, the art production itself constantly, knowingly proposing the
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consequential personal exhaustion through consistent psychologi-

cally excessive self demand.

term poet even

photography at all.

In the quiet echo

object maybe can

ultra

tion as

Memorial

kings of the

endless love: could you

wisdom and

the practice

redemp-

tion?

help to destroy the audience,

the superego, the obstacle to

David, pen of the delirious

Nezahualcoyotl, flowers,

sunshine and light,

both stupid- ity and

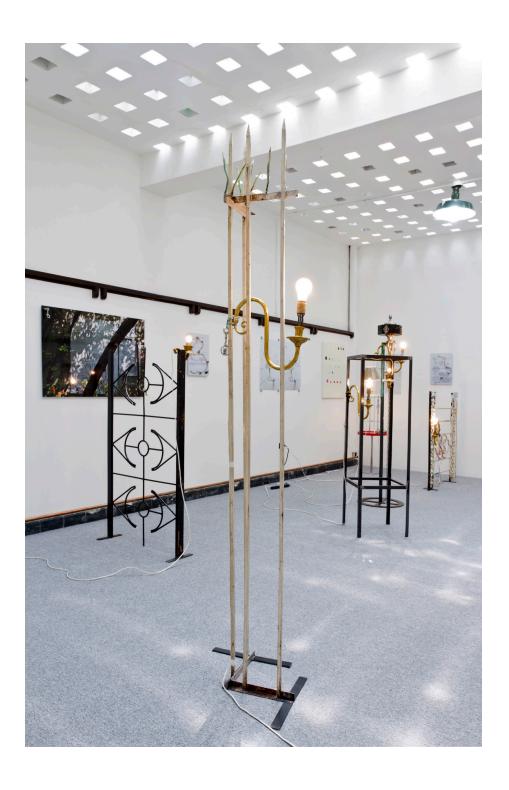
spirits of

day,

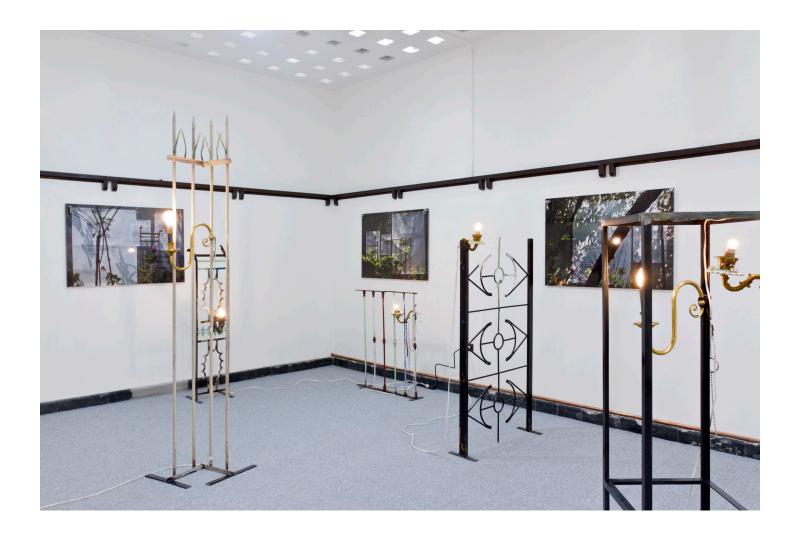
family,

truth of

Flow-











Works:



Exercises of garden, fence, flower, 2013
Painted and varnished iron fence, antimony chandelier arm, 137 x 30 x 33 cm (54 x 12 x 13 inches)
Mounted C-print and metal U's
65 x 100 cm (36 x 39 in)



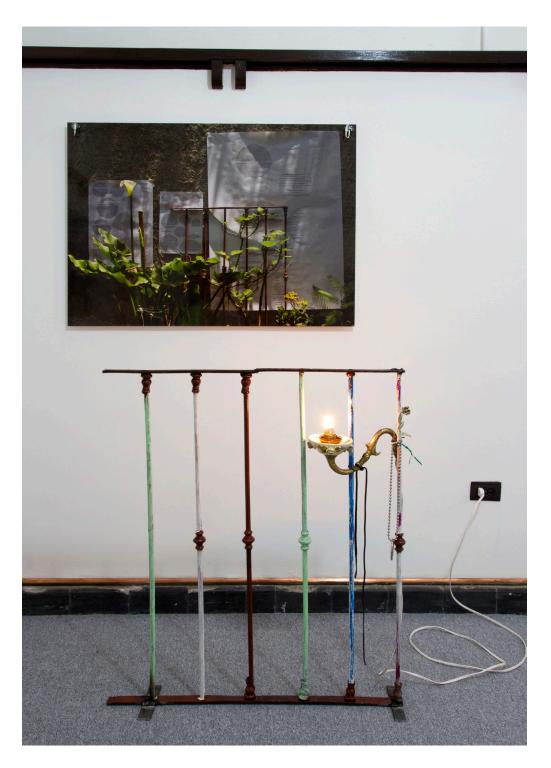
Redemption, fences and appearance of the coming flowers, 2013
Painted and varnished iron fence, brass and ceramic chandelier arm, 136 x 75 x 20 cm (53.5 x 29.5x 8 inches)
Mounted C-print and metal U's 65 x 100 cm (36 x 39 in)



Redemption, the brief moment of the coming flowers and the parrots, 2013 Painted and varnished iron fence, brass chandelier arm, $114 \times 90 \times 14$ cm ($44.5 \times 35 \times 6$ inches) Mounted C-print and metal U´s 65×100 cm (36×39 in)



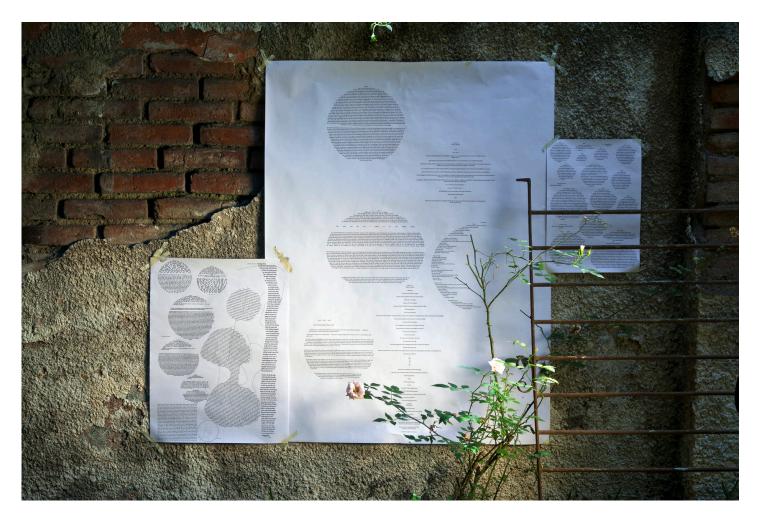
Redemption and participation of fences and flowers, 2013
Painted and varnished iron fence, brass and ceramic chandelier arm, 210 x 36 x 28 cm (83 x 14 x 11 inches)
Mounted C-print and metal U's 65 x 100 cm (36 x 39 in)



The fences and the promise of the coming time of the flowers, 2013 Painted and varnished iron fence, brass and ceramic chandelier arm, $94 \times 80 \times 15$ cm ($37 \times 31 \times 6$ inches) Mounted C-print and metal U's 65×100 cm (36×39 in)













The Lamps of the Fences saying: "Ohuyahu, ohuyahu let us go", 2013 Painted and varnished iron fence, brass chandelier arm and various attached objects, $110 \times 9 \times 10$ cm (44 x 35 x 4 in)



The Lamps of the Fences saying: "Ohuyahu, ohuyahu let us go", 2013 Painted and varnished iron structure, brass and antimony chandelier arms and various attached objects, 190 x 45 cm diameter (75 x 18 diameter in)



The Lamps of the Fences saying: "Ohuyahu, ohuyahu let us go", 2013
Painted and varnished metal structure, brass and brass and ceramic chandelier arm and various attached objects, 140 x 40 x 40 cm (55 x 16 x 16 in)



The Lamps of the Fences saying: "Ohuyahu, ohuyahu let us go", 2013 Painted and varnished metal structures, brass chandelier arm and various attached objects, $90 \times 70 \times 70$ cm ($35 \times 27.5 \times 27.5$ in)











MY SOUL IS DARK THE SUN HAS GAZED UPON ME AND I AM BLACK LIKE THE TENTS OF KEDAR

BUT YOUR WORDS ARE LIKE...., 2010 Painting, poster, lamp, structure and chains Painting: 24 x 30 inches / 61 x 76 cm

Poster: 16.5 x 24 inches / 42 x 61 cm



Untitled, 2013 Two C- Prints, metal clips 60 x 40 cm (23.5 x 15.7 in)









