Pg. 2-6

Untitled (Werbung Pamphlet no. 1), 2020 offset print, 80 g/qm Resaoffset/ Circle Offset White,  $210 \times 297 \text{ mm}$ 

Pg. 7-11

Untitled (Werbung Pamphlet no. 2), 2020 offset print, 80 g/qm Resaoffset/ Circle Offset White,  $210 \times 297 \text{ mm}$ 

Pg. 12

Prototype for Typographic Primer, 2021 laserjet print, 70g Steinbeiss Classic White Recycling, 210  $\times$  297 mm

Pg. 13

Typographic Poem (Press Release: Stage Play), 2021 laserjet print, 190g RecyStar Polar, 210 × 210 mm Note: not in exhibition

Pg. 14 (left)

Typographic Poem (Book Launch Promotional) offset print, 300g Graupappe, 210 × 148 mm

Pg. 14 (right)

Tearsheets from Stage Play, 2021, Verlag der Buchhandlung Walther und Franz König, Köln

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Bookcovers Stage Play, 2021, Verlag der Buchhandlung Walther und Franz König, Köln offset print, silkscreen, 120 g/300g Munken Pure Rough, 100g Gmund Colors 87/27/37/25, 160  $\times$  239 mm and 239  $\times$  160 mm

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Typographic Poem (Public Address), 2021 laserjet print, 70g Steinbeiss Classic White Recycling, 210 × 297 mm

Pg. 19

Prototype for Typographic Primer, 2021 paste-up, stationary Les Trois Rois, Schöllerhammer 4G, 80g Office Basik Multifunktionspapier, 80g Schöllerhammer Glama Microdraft Hochtransparent, 175 × 240 mm

Pg. 20

Typographic Poem (Press Release Paste-Up: Stage Play), 2021 Typographic Poem (Press Release Paste-Up: Inklusive), 2021 paste-up, 70g Steinbeiss Classic White Recycling, 210  $\times$  297 mm

Pg. 21/22

Typographic Poem (Promotional Poster), 2021 offset print, 80 g Resaoffset/ Circle Offset White,  $835 \times 350$  mm

Pg. 23

Insert Typographic Poem (Promotional Poster), 2021 laserjet print, 80g Canon Recycling Classic, 280  $\times$  350 mm

g. 24

Untitled (Provisional Prop no. 1), 2021 enamel paint, glass, aluminum, and felt, 571 × 571 × 15 mm

Pg. 25

Untitled (Provisional Prop no. 2), 2021 enamel paint, glass, aluminum, and felt,  $571 \times 571 \times 15$  mm

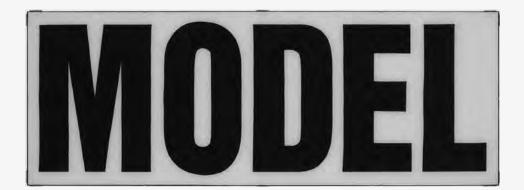
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Untitled (Provisional Prop no. 3), 2021 enamel paint, glass, aluminum, and felt,  $571 \times 571 \times 15$  mm

Pg. 27

MODEL (David Zwirner, 34 East 69th Street, New York, NY, 10021), 2020 enamel paint, glass, aluminium, and felt, 1527 × 565 × 11 mm

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MODEL (David Zwirner, 34 East 69th Street, New York, NY, 10021), 2020 Enamel paint, glass, aluminum, and felt 22 1/2 × 60 3/8 × 1/2 inches 57.1 × 153.3 × 1.4 cm Edition of 6, 2 AP



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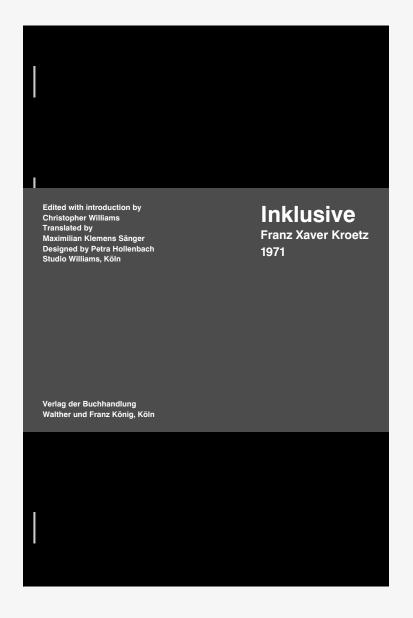
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Playscript

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Translation

David Zwirner 34 East 69th Street New York, NY 10021

Köln, February 27, 2020

### Dear Andrea Cashman,

The official title of this exhibition is Footwear (Adapted for Use). Three additional titles – How German Is It. One American Photograph, and Standard Men's Insoles (Adapted for Use) – can be introduced as "mistakes" into the system of information distribution regarding the exhibition.

### Production notes for Models 2745, 1542, and 1316:

6 pillows, 552.00 € (BRD); 6 linen pillowcases, 192.00 € (DDR); 3 linen sheets, 432.00 € (DDR); 3 duvets, 567.00 € (BRD); 2 linen duvet covers, 492.00 € (DDR); 2 yak-hair blankets, 772.00 € (BRD); 3 sets of pyjamas, 247.16 € (DDR); Model No. 2745 (Son) 3 days/9 hours, 1,232.84 €; Model No. 1542 (Mother), 3 days/24 hours, 3,852.62 €; Model No. 1316 (Father), 3 days/24 hours, 3,852.62 €.

The family picture is organized around three focal planes. This is a family of professionals, lifestyle models skilled in the art of producing the appearance of sleep. Each model is calibrating their performance to correspond to their specific position as it relates to the three planes of focus. To feign the visible conditions of sleep for hours, remaining motionless, with eyes closed, while a team of technicians calibrate lighting, adjust camera estings, maintain hair and makeup, and arrange set and wardrobe details for continuity and blocking, requires a great deal of discipline. In this "production play", in this Cold War drama, the cloak of labor provides cover for dreaming. The son, Model No. 2745, is positioned 105.5 cm away from the lens, and, unlike the mother and father, is in sharp focus. Although he is a model, producing an image of sleep for the camera, and although his sleepwear has been pressed and prepared for this production, his garment appears to be several sizes larger than necessary. While this is readily apparent to anyone looking at the photograph, what is not so obvious is a detail that becomes clear upon the examination of the garment label: HANOI TOCONTAP VIETNAM 48. The sleepwear was rented from Adlershofer Fundus Kostūm- & Requisitenverleih in Berlin, a prop house specializing in props and costumes for period film and theater productions set in former East Germany. But what about the mother and father? To focus is to assert a preference for one surface over another. What value or significance is assigned to this focus and why is it privileged? What are the ideological implications of depth of field? What does the son's isolation mean? To speak of one thing, it is necessary to remain silent in regard to another. A model is a representation of a system.

Please note that the text "Is every sentence containing the word 'worker' a socialist sentence? Is every picture in which a worker is depicted a socialist picture?" should instead read: "Vietnam as Subject. Vietnam as Form. Vietnam as Genre." There are 54 characters in this quote, 4,721 characters in this letter, and 6 to 8 framed photographs, 6 hand-painted signs, 6 vitrines with archival materials, 2 digital videos, 2 monitors, 2 constructed walls, 2 Franz West sofas, 1 poster, 1 publication, 1,017.37 sq. ft. yards of East German wallpaper, 3 507.3 sq. ft. of West German wallpaper, and 997.63 sq. ft. of seed pearl paint in this exhibition

Amicably,

Christopher Williams

Open Letter

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### Focus point to lens:

Diagram





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Set aesigner: Greg Lulay
Set building: Platform International, New York, NY
Set dressers: Kyle Combs, Joel Dugan, Joel Fennell,
Jay Pluck
Stage manager: Erin Rother
Stage coordinator: Jessica Pappadio
Production stills: Dan Bradica

Booth dimensions: 31'6" (w)  $\times$  44' (d)  $\times$  12'1" (h), 960.1 cm (w)  $\times$  1341.1 cm (w)  $\times$  368.3 cm (h) Location: David Zwirner, Frieze, Booth 25, Randall's Island, New York, NY

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Adjustments





Untitled (standard men's insole) | BÚFALO NATURE ALLROUND 46 | 2 Lagen | Echtes Leder Feuchtigkeitsbindend | Inhalt: 1 Paar | Art. 4035 | BNS Bergal Nico & Solitaire Vertriebs GmbH, Rheinallee 96, Mainz, Germany | 4035-BUF-1301 | Studio Thomas Borho, Oberkasseler Str. 39, Düsseldorf, Germany | October 3, 2019 | 2020 | Archival pigment print | Print: 16 x 19 3/4 inches | 40.6 x 50.2 cm Framed: 29 1/2 x 33 x 1 1/4 inches | 74.9 x 83.8 x 3.2 cm

Accumulation

Knockbox, 14 gram spent puck accumulator, Kaffee + Kuchen | Vendor Str. 19. 50672 Köln, Germany Studio Thomas Borho | Oberkasseler Str. 39, Düsseldorf, Germany | October 13, 2019 2020 | Archival pigment print | Print: 17 x 21 inches | 43.2 x 53.3 cm Framed: 30 x 33 1/2 x 11/4 inches | 76.2 x 85.1 x 3.2 cm





Adapted For Use: Untitled | Focal length: 210mm | Aperture: f/11 | Image ratio: 2.41:1 | Distance lens to focal plane: 29.7cm | Distance film layer to focal plane: 101cm | Bellows extension: 50.6cm | Depth of field: 1.289mm | Studio Rhein Verlag, Düsseldorf | November 20, 2016 | 2019 | Gelatin silver print | Print: 19 7/8 x 16 inches | 40.6 x 50.5 cm | Framed: 29 1/4 x 28 3/4 x 1 1/4 inches | 74.3 x 73 x 3.2 cm

Demonstration object

Redistrubution

Adapted For Use: Hand Carved Songye Kifwebe Mask 22" – DR Congo African Art | Overall Condition: Wear and tear – shown in photos. This mask could easily be partially restored: It has been left alone to give buyer that option. | Was: US \$375.00 | You save: \$187.50 | 55% off) | Price: US \$187.50 | Shipping: \$30.00 Standard Shipping | Item location: Clackamas, Oregon, United States | Ships to: Worldwide | Returns: Seller does not accept returns | Seller: tribaltruthf6 (79) | Seller Notes: "This item is in good condition with imperfections and possible cracking or previous repairs. See photos inquire for specific details." | Type of Object: Kifwebe Mask on Custom Stand | Country of Origin: DRC | Ethnicity: Songye Materials: Wood, Pigment | Approximate Age: Unknown | Height (Inches): 12" | Width (Inches): 7.5" Depth (Inches): 13" | Weight (Pounds): 2.51bs | Keywords: Songye, Shaba, Lualab, DRC, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zaire, Mask, Kifwebe | ID# 1000496 | ©1995-2019 eBay Inc., 2145 Hamilton Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125 | Studio Thomas Bohro, Düsseldorf | February 20, 2019 | 2019 | Gelatin silver print | Paper: 19 % x 15 % inches | 50.2 x 40 cm | Framed: 30 % x 28 % x 1 % inches | 77.2 x 73.3 x 3.2 cm



Model No. 2745 (Son) | Distance to lens: 105.5 cm | Garment label: HANOI TOCONTAP VIETNAM 48 Model No. 1542 (Mother) | Distance to lens: 159 cm | Garment label: VEB Wäschekonfektion m94 Obercrinitz 40° | Model No. 1316 (Father) | Distance to lens: 231 cm | Garment label: Dreiklang 60 2450 60° Sleepware courtesy of Adlershofer Fundus Kostüm- & Requisitenverleih, Ernst-Augustin-Str. 7, Berlin-Adlershof, Germany (firm. DBR) | Pillows manufactured by Heinrich Häussling GmbH & Co., Branchweilerhofstraße 200, Neustadt an der Weinstraße, Germany (firm. DBR) | Bedding manufactured by Oberlausitzer Leinen, Hoffmann GmbH & Co. KG, Ziftauer Straße 23, Neukirch/Lausitz, Germany (firm. DDR) Studio Thomas Borho, Oberkasseler Str. 39, Disseldorf, Germany | October 7, 2019 2020 | Archival pigment print | Print: 16 x 19 3/8 inches | 40.6 x 49.2 cm Framed: 29 x 32 x 1 1/4 inches | 73.7 x 81.3 x 3.2 cm

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 ${\tt K\"OLN}$ , NRW, March 2021 - Verlag der Buchhandlung Walther König announces the new publication Stage Play, focusing on the theatrical work by Christopher Williams.

"In Stage Play", writes art historian McDonough, "we encounter a postwar façade, in all its Wirtschaftswunder banality, whose window opens onto the display of four large stockpots, objects that perform their inappropriateness for the newly reestablished domestic life of the moment and contribute to the peculiarly 'unhinged' or 'unmoored' relation to time palpable in the work."

This four-volume set of publications focuses on Christopher Williams' theatrical work Stage Play, first presented in 2017 at Miller's Studio in Zürich. Housed in a slipcase, it contains documentation and the playscript for his eponymous play, related publicity and research documents, the artist's series of open letters, and a related interview he conducted with historian Markus Krajewski on the ceramic tile façades of post-war architecture in Cologne. In addition to two critical essays by McDonough, this publication is largest collection to date of Williams' writing.

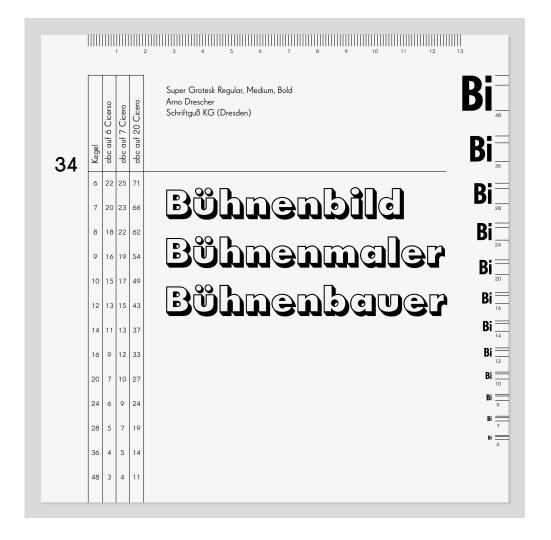
Christopher Williams (1956-) is a Los Angeles-born artist who lives and works is Cologne and is professor of photography at the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf.

Title: Stage Play | ISBN: 978-3-96098-982-0 | Edited by: Fredi Fischli and Niels Olsen | Texts by: Markus Krajewski, Tom McDonough, Christopher Williams | Format (width · height cm): 16,0 · 23,9 | Pages: 236 | Number of illustrations: 45 (7 colour, 38 b/w) | Binding: Slipcase, thread binding | Language: English | Print run: 650

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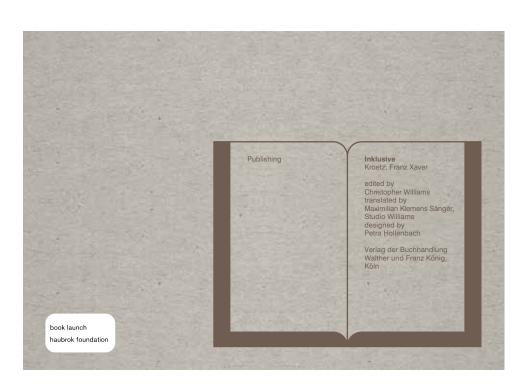
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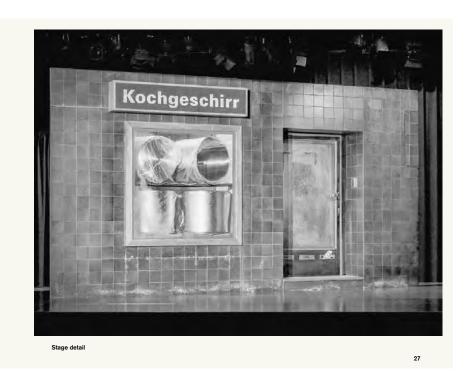
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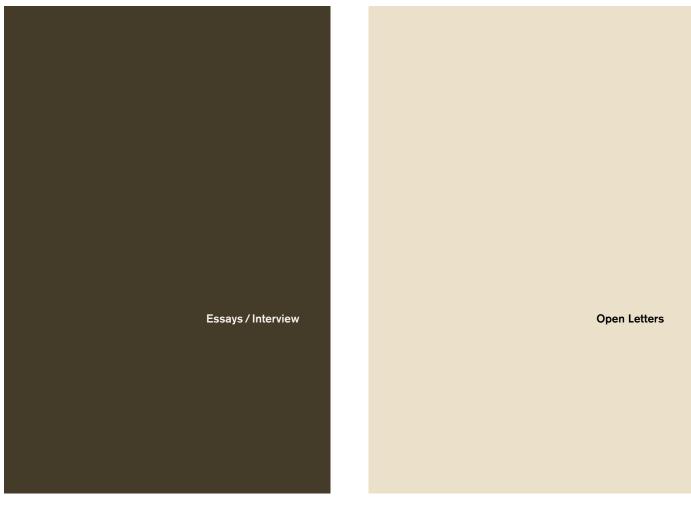


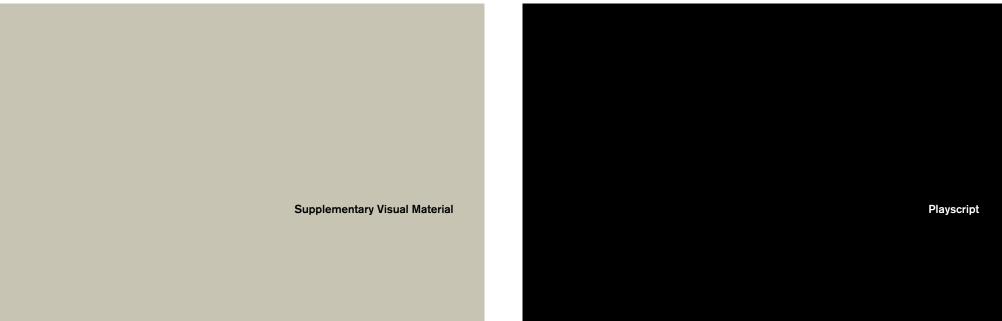












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KÖLN, NRW, December 2020 - Verlag der Buchhandlung Walther König announces a new publication of the first English-language translation of German playwright Franz Xaver Kroetz's 1971 playscript <u>Inklusive</u>. The playscript, printed in both English translation by Maximilian Klemens Sänger and the original German, is accompanied by an introductory text by Christopher Williams.

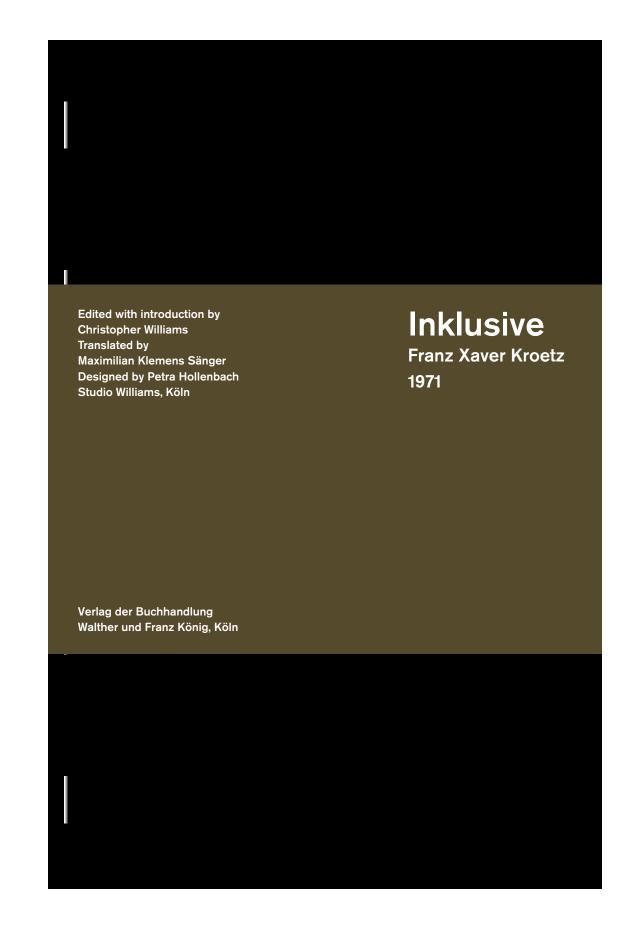
<u>Inklusive</u> is part of a trilogy of radio plays, all from 1971, titled <u>Trilogie Münchener Lebens</u>. It was first broadcast on radio in 1972 and was produced as a television film with two additional scenes later that year under the title <u>Herzliche Grüße aus Grado</u>. The first time it was produced as a stage play, again as <u>Herzliche Grüße aus Grado</u>, was in 1976. The playscript was first published in East Germany in Kroetz, Franz Xaver, <u>Weitere Aussichten</u> <u>Neue Texte</u>, Henschelverlag Kunst und Gesellschaft, Berlin, 1976 and in West Germany as Kroetz, Franz Xaver, <u>Weitere Aussichten</u>. <u>Ein Lesebuch</u>, Kiepenheuer & Witsch, Cologne, 1976.

Franz Xaver Kroetz (1946-) is a playwright, actor, and director from Munich. Having authored over 50 plays, he is one of Germany's most prolific and celebrated playwrights. Christopher Williams (1956-) is a Los Angeles-born artist who lives and works in Cologne and is professor of photography at the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf. Maximilian Klemens Sänger (1986-) is an artist and filmmaker based in Düsseldorf.

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OPENING REMARKS FOR 'WERBUNG (ADAPTED FOR USE)', haubrok foundation, 29. 04 - 26. 06. 2021

### Stand In

A few empty Coca-Cola bottles were left for the sweepers.

This is Beaumont Newhall's recollection. Walker Evans left behind a few empty Coca-Cola bottles and some slivers of prints for the sweepers—and, perhaps, for Newhall. The photographer had asked the librarian to provide him with a large worktable and a paper cutter. These were the tools that he would need to prepare American Photographs, the first monographic exhibition of photography at New York's Museum of Modern Art. It was September 1938. There was no Department of Photography at the Modern. The librarian was in charge, sort of.

Evans left behind scraps of his work: the edges of his prints as well as the evidence of their handling. Several of the one hundred photographs that he had selected for the exhibition were mounted on boards, cropped at the edges, and glued directly to the wall. The photographer disliked showing his photographs under glass. This is Helen Levitt's recollection. Evans's darkroom assistant at the time, Levitt also recalled that the photographer washed his prints in the bathtub, leaving them on the side to dry.

The Coca-Cola bottles are not important; the need to recount them is. By recounting them, they become like the slivers of paper. They announce Evans's presence. Or, more to the point, they stand in its place, like an empty pair of shoes.

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Recollections make the record. They help to produce the silences that allow the record to speak—allow for histories of photography to be written such that Walker Evans is guaranteed a prominent place in them. Evans's handling of his prints is unorthodox if an orthodoxy needs to be established. And it will, over and over again. It will be crafted from the stuff that is left behind for the sweepers and the librarians.

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Few recall that the idea for a book of "American photographs" came first, even though this makes sense. Preparing photographs for pages was what Evans had been doing since the early 1930s. By 1938, he had already travelled to Alabama with James Agee for <u>Fortune</u>, and his photographs of Communist campers had been printed like a strip of film down the outer edge of a page in that business magazine.

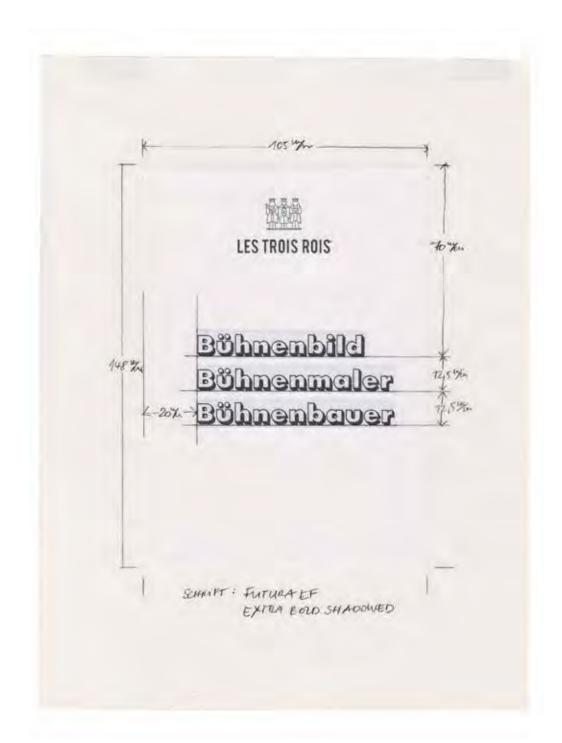
The exhibition was not the main event. It was publicity for the printed matter—the eighty-seven photographs laid out one after another on the pages of <u>American Photographs</u>. This story does not dislocate the institution-push it out of the frame. It dislocates the need for one story. This is also the lesson of Evans's work, of his pages: the story told by and about any sequence of photographs is provisional.

There is matter: scraps, anecdotes, recollections, strings of words and dates, some of which are wrong.

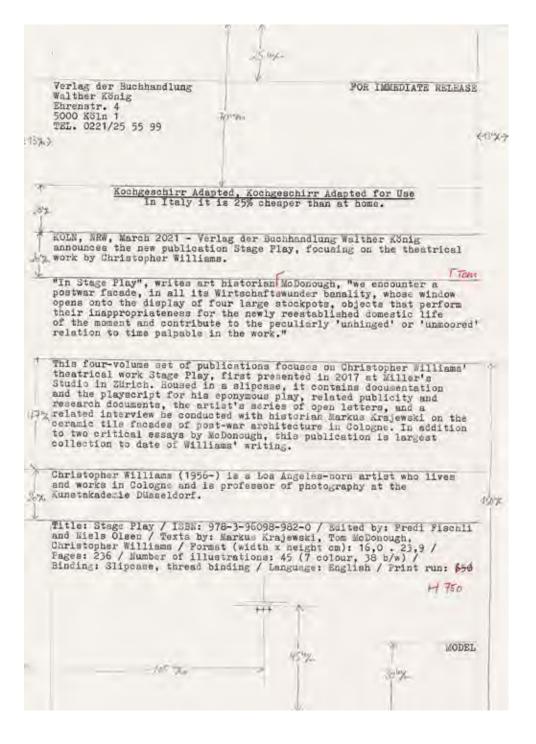
There is the stuff that is left behind. Once bound or boxed up, it is ready to be opened.

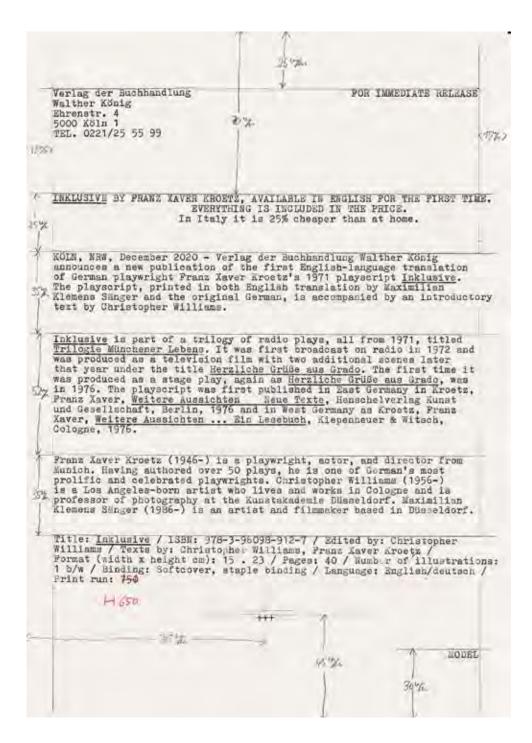
Welcome.

Stephanie Schwartz, April 2021









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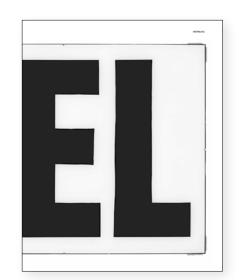
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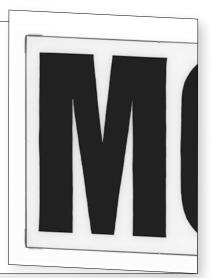
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Stand In

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This is Beaumont Newhall's recollection. Walker Evans left behind a few empty Coca-Cola bottles and some slivers of prints for the sweepers—and, perhaps, for Newhall. The photographer had asked the librarian to provide him with a large worktable and a paper cutter. These were the tools that he would need to prepare *American Photographs*, the first monographic exhibition of photography at New York's Museum of Modern Art. It was September 1938. There was no Department of Photography at the Modern. The librarian was in charge, sort of.

Evans left behind scraps of his work: the edges of his prints as well as the evidence of their handling. Several of the one hundred photographs that he had selected for the exhibition were mounted on boards, cropped at the edges, and glued directly to the wall. The photographer disliked showing his photographs under glass. This is Helen Levitt's recollection. Evans's darkroom assistant at the time, Levitt also recalled that the photographer washed his prints in the bathtub, leaving them on the side to dry.

The Coca-Cola bottles are not important; the need to recount them is. By recounting them, they become like the slivers of paper. They announce Evans's presence. Or, more to the point, they stand in its place, like an empty pair of shoes.

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Recollections make the record. They help to produce the silences that allow the record to speak—allow for histories of photography to be written such that Walker Evans is guaranteed a prominent place in them. Evans's handling of his prints is unorthodox if an orthodoxy needs to be established. And it will, over and over again. It will be crafted from the stuff that is left behind for the sweepers and the librarians.

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Few recall that the idea for a book of "American photographs" came first, even though this makes sense. Preparing photographs for pages was what Evans had been doing since the early 1930s. By 1938, he had already travelled to Alabama with James Agee for *Fortune*, and his photographs of Communist campers had been printed like a strip of film down the outer edge of a page in that business magazine.

The exhibition was not the main event. It was publicity for the printed matter—the eighty-seven photographs laid out one after another on the pages of *American Photographs*. This story does not dislocate the institution-push it out of the frame. It dislocates the need for one story. This is also the lesson of Evans's work, of his pages: the story told by and about any sequence of photographs is provisional.

There is matter: scraps, anecdotes, recollections, strings of words and dates, some of which are wrong.

There is the stuff that is left behind. Once bound or boxed up, it is ready to be opened.

Welcome.

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