

Foto-Shop For Sale

Hereby we want to offer the akquisition of the gallery Foto-Shop in Berlin Mitte. You have the possibility to actually buy a unusual art space as a whole.

History

Foto-Shop is a shopgallery located in a house being built in the beginning of the 20th century and in the end of world war II has been hit by a bomb. In times of the GDR, approximately 1975, a two stored department shop was built in, which is still being used by the gallery. Walls and roof as well as the cupboards and displays are completely constructed out of wood. The storefront towards the street has a window with a presentationspace that can be seen from two sides and a small wall looking cabinet both constructed in eloxated aluminum. A wooden wall separates a second room equipped with further cupboards and a wash basin. There is also a wooden staircase which leads to the former storage room in the first floor. You will find a small bar here.

Since 2001 the shop is being used as a gallery, initially with the name *Invalid*, then as *Mini Muschi*, since 2002 as *Foto-Shop*, a artist-run photography gallery (www.foto-shop-berlin.de). There have been roughly 25 shows a year being staged, adding up to more than 100 exhibitions over the period of time. As the smallest gallery in the city, the space established itself as a part of the non-commercial entity in the berlin night culture and was used by numerous international musicians, DJs, bands, poets, artists, Performers etc. At the latest the media response accompanying the exhibition 'Un-Dis-Position' in fall 2006 made the gallery known to a wider public.

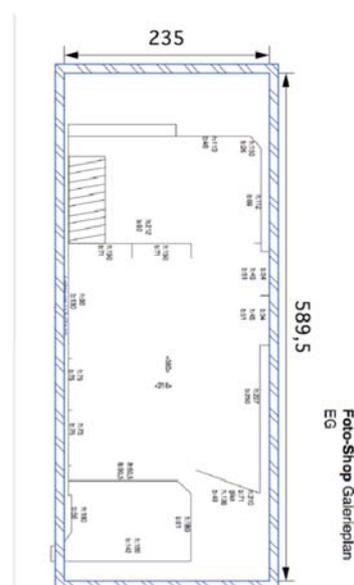
The building Invalidenstrasse 1 will be torn down as a whole in 2007. Due to the unusual miniature appearance of the shop there exists the possibility to sustain the space as a whole and, if specific measures are taken, to transport and keeping up the use of it.

Data/Facts

Shopsize: 11,5 sqm
 Bachroom: 4 sqm
 1. Floor: ~15 sqm
 Roomhight Shop: 2,50m
 Raumhight 1. Floor: 1,90m
 Water- and Electricity
 Toilette: optional

Inventory

Ligthdisplay, Heater,
 Extinguisher, Fridge,
 Hotelcooler, Basin, 2
 Chairs, 7 Concrete seats,
 2 Tables, Bench, 2 active
 Speakers, Mixer,
 Amplifier, Monitorbox



Conceptional Frame

The *Foto-Shop* Gallery is not only a piece of house but rather a charismatic Gesamtkunstwerk and an original part of the after-the-wall myth of Berlin Mitte. It's inherent specific atmosphere creates a communicative intimacy

that other spaces lack. This should be possible to re-establish at other locations, especially in the context of art. At the same time Foto-Shop stands for a critical approach regarding the gentrification of Berlin Mitte. There is a realistic opportunity of exporting a historical and meaningful highly loaded space and of presenting it in a new context, may it be by putting it in a new urban surrounding, into a museum or in the heart of an arthappening or just as a greenhouse.

Offer

The initial idea to cut out the complete building part including the walls we had to drop after consulting with architects.

Instead it proved to be realistic to build in the 2 floors of the *Foto-Shop* into 2 stakeable 20-ft-containers and make it permanently transportable. This way the ensemble is resistant to weather and modularly usable, an advantage if it should not be installed at a fixed space but go on tour.

Basicversion (incl. disassembling, installation, 2 containers) 150.000€
Transportcosts may vary: each deployment approx. 20.000€

Additional Alternatives

Added to the *Foto-Shop* as a construction with its interior we offer different forms of artistic cooperation. They encompass complete fotocentered programming including performances of artists, musicians, etc. We can also offer a monitorbased basicinstallation reflecting the artistic history of the space.

Handling/Timeframe

Foto-Shop will be staging 4 single week shows and one three week show until 28th of February 2007 in its unique way. The vernissage dates and topics are:

- 2.12. *Unverkäuflich* (Gruppenausstellung Künstlergruppe Foto-Shop)
 - 9.1. Singleshow Udo Lindemann
 - 16.1. Singleshow Stephan Siedler
 - 23.1. Singleshow Mike Riemel
 - 30.1. Singleshow Jens Keiner
- 6.2. *Der Bruch* (Groupshow artistgroup Foto-Shop)

This gives interested parties the opportunity to experience the space live. Any other visitations are always possible if required. We would like to send you the comprehensive presskit with the history of the gallery if interested.

Interested Parties have to place their offers until 5th of February 2007. For the handling of the deconstruction and installation, which can start in march 2007 we are scheduling roughly 4 weeks.

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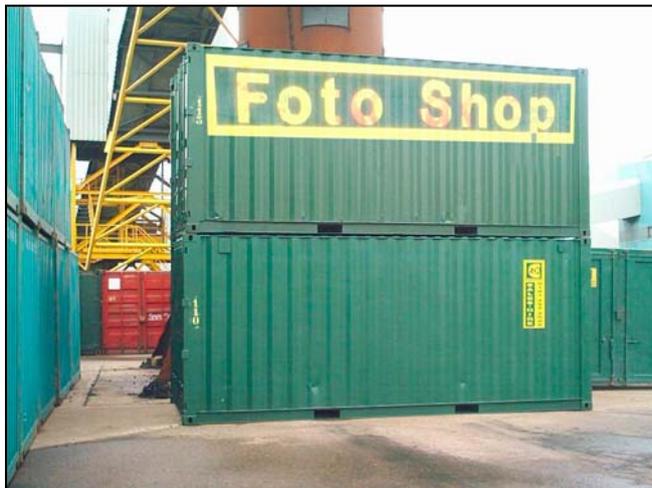
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Picture 1: Foto-Shop Container 1 on the way.



Picture 2: Ensemble Container 1 + 2



Picture 3: Transport of the Gallery

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