

**Strychnin Gallery Berlin presents:
Wahre Märchen - Annie Bertram. Photography from the Realm of Fairy Tales.
Opens February 6th, 2009 at 7p.m.**

In the last few years, photographer Annie Bertram has made a name for herself with her unique style, and the Gothic art scene can hardly do without her: among others, she did artwork for albums by such popular bands as Blutengel, Scream Silence or Terminal Choice, and her work appears regularly in large magazines as exclusive photo spreads and on covers. Her first photography book titled "Die Farben der Träume" ("The Color of Dreams") was published very successfully in 2004 and received international recognition. Her second book titled "Wahre Märchen" ("True Fairy Tales") was published in August 2008 by UBooks, and it is the works from this book that can now be seen at Strychnin Gallery.



For Annie Bertram's current book, musicians such as Chris Pohl and Constance from the band Blutengel modeled for her mystic photographs that were taken in many different settings and locations; some of them were taken in H.R. Giger's garden in Switzerland. Well-known authors such as Dirk Bernemann, Christian von Aster, Jeaninen Krock or Andreas Kurz were inspired by the resulting images and in turn re-interpreted classic fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm or Hans Christian Andersen in their own special way. Among others, new versions of Snow-White, The Little Mermaid, Snow-White and Rose-Red, Hansel and Gretel now accompany the images in a book that is a work of art – dream-like photography and one-of-a-kind literary interpretation with magical appeal.

Annie's photography is an attempt to reveal what most fail to see – thoughts, feelings and destinies. Rather than merely photographing pretty faces, her pictures are an art of profundity and storytelling. Depending on the theme, they're either taken in her studio, in extraordinary, often morbid locations, or – like "Wahre Märchen" – in mystical natural settings.

To accompany the opening night, Scream Silence with their front man Hardy Fieting will be playing an acoustic set. Scream Silence have been active in the music scene for over 10 years.

Annie Bertram: Wahre Märchen.
Opens: February 6th 2009, 7 p.m.
Runs until: March 1st 2009
Opening hours: Thu- Sun from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.,
Sat until 7 p.m.

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