

«STREET PAINTING #5» - VERCORIN 2010

Walk, roll, dream, play, kick back on a work of art... The giant floor painting which can be discovered this summer in Vercorin (until October 3) is the work of the duo Lang/Baumann. This colorful artistic intervention covering the town square and the streets which radiate from there is entitled "Street Painting # 5".

On a typically gray-black soil, such a concentration of color and a rich mix of contrasts change the perception of space and bring about an intense new experiencing of familiar surroundings. When standing in the middle of the square and gazing as far as possible towards the streets, the impression they were painted indefinitely overwhelms us.

To create a spatial variation on a typical Valais village inhabited for centuries and visited by many outsiders, it seemed very interesting to intervene with something as simple as color. (Lang/Baumann)

Meanwhile, an exhibition at the Maison Bourgeoisiale presents other works of L/B. (For example, the hotel-sculpture Everland that dominated the landscape on the shores of Lake Neuchâtel during the 2002 National Expo and then in Leipzig and Paris, on the roof of the Palais de Tokyo.) Opening hours: Thursday -Friday-Saturday-Sunday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Founded in 2008 by the designer Jean-Maurice Varone, the association "R&Art" aims to develop open-air exhibition, selecting the lived-in environment as a format and support for artistic intervention related to contemporary art. Artists are invited to create a work "in situ" at the village level. R&Art hopes to make these sites a place of dialogue in line with their time with the universality of culture.

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