

Sunrise in Berlin!

David Claerbout: Olympia (The real-time disintegration into ruins of the Berlin Olympic stadium over the course of a thousand years)

Until 22 October 2017

MEDIA RELEASE

On Sunday, 20 August Schaulager will open its doors at 5.30 am so that visitors can watch the sun rising over David Claerbout's monumental projection *Olympia*. Additional early-morning and evening opening times have been scheduled for the next few weeks, ensuring that not just daybreak, but also moonlight and the setting sun can be experienced in real time.

On Sunday, 20 August visitors to the Schaulager will be able to witness the first beams of sunlight glinting above the horizon in Berlin and slowly bathing more and more of the world in the warm light of summer. This daily spectacle forms part of the experience of David Claerbout's monumental projection *Olympia (The real-time disintegration into ruins of the Berlin Olympic stadium over the course of a thousand years)*. The most recent work of the 48-year-old Belgian artist simulates in real time the inexorable decay of the stadium built for the 1936 Berlin Olympics. *Olympia* will be on show at Schaulager until 22 October. Admission is free.

Reality and artifice

To synchronize the position of the real sun in Berlin and its artificial equivalent integrated into the visual world of *Olympia*, Claerbout supplies his digital stadium with a steady stream of the latest meteorological data. The parallelism reinforces the feelings of disquiet induced by this very real-looking, but in fact computer-reconstructed stadium. Immersing themselves in the seemingly uneventful visual world of *Olympia*, visitors will notice how the imperturbable flow of time becomes an almost palpable experience.

Spectacular sunsets, bright moonlit nights

To allow the real-time aspect of this work to be appreciated in all its immediacy, Schaulager has decided to open its doors to visitors even outside its normal opening hours. Two early-morning and three evening shifts have been scheduled, ensuring that visitors have a chance, weather permitting, to experience a spectacular sundown or the full moon over Berlin, while at the same time reflecting on their personal sense of time and place.

Special opening hours

20 August, 5.30 am–6 pm, sunrise

3 September, 6 am–6 pm, sunrise

22 September, 1–8 pm, sunset



5 October, 1–9 pm, full moon

13 October, 1–7.30 pm, sunset

For further information about David Claerbout and high-resolution images:

www.schaulager.org/de/medien

Work

David Claerbout

Olympia (The real time disintegration into ruins of the Berlin Olympic stadium over the course of a thousand years), start March 2016

Two-channel real-time projection, colour, silent, HD animation, 1,000 years

Admission free

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