

acb Gallery presents
the first exhibition of its project *Panic room*

SITUATION

Virtual exhibition of Imre Bak's newest collage-series



Imre Bak, photo: Éva Szombat

Soon after acb Gallery closed the exhibition celebrating Imre Bak's 80th birthday on 2020.03.08. and the Covid-19 coronavirus grew into a pandemic causing a global lockdown, Bak started to work on a new series. Bak choose to create small collage formats, a genre which he hasn't used since the early 1980s. For the collages Bak has recycled sheets out of his silkscreen folder, which was produced by the gallery on the occasion of his jubilee exhibition. His collages, which are entitled *Situation* reflect on the incredibly quickly occurred, previously unimanigable and widespread changes of our everyday life and routines.

The artist consciously choose a quick medium like the collage, which makes him capable to almost instantly reflect on our reality. With this artistic gesture Imre Bak departed from his metaphyschically complex, minimalist big format paintings: he reframed and reassembled his previous works recently exhibited in acb Gallery in a distracted, deconstructed format. His new works thus reflect on the global phenomenon that solid, previously unchallenged solid and seemingly harmonic structures crumble and fall apart under the immense pressure of the reality. The new works of Bak don't reflect fear and despair, they articulate a state of flux and the consequences of change.

Imre Bak at the age of 81 still choose an experimental position potentially reconfiguring his painterly visuality rather than evading reality. The freshness, the coolness and the wildness of the new works are all demonstrating the uniqueness of the artist, who was never afraid to face change during his career and he always focused on how new structures may rise from the older ones also in his paintings. The braveness and the restless curiosity of Imre Bak manifests itself this time in these small scale works, but on the other hand these collages are proof of the solidness of Bak's artistic program, which makes them absolutely special in the oeuvre.

The new unconventional collages of Imre Bak can be viewed in an unconventional format in the virtual space of acb Attachment, with the help of Walter's Cube software and a downloadable pdf. As a consequence of the situation unfolding in the light of the pandemic, acb Gallery had to cancel the rents of it's acb NA and acb Attachment spaces. In the frame of the *Panic room* exhibition series acb still organizes virtual exhibition projects in it's Attachment space.



Situation I., 2020
paper collage
50 x 70 cm



Situation II., 2020
paper collage
70 x 50 cm

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Situation III, 2020
paper collage
50 x 70 cm



Situation IV., 2020
paper collage
50 x 70 cm



Situation V., 2020
paper collage
50 x 70 cm



Situation VI., 2020
paper collage
50 x 70 cm



Situation VII., 2020
paper collage
70 x 50 cm



Situation VIII., 2020
paper collage
50 x 70 cm



Situation IX., 2020
paper collage
50 x 70 cm



Situation X., 2020
paper collage
50 x 70 cm

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