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„ATMEN“

Type faces of evolution

*“...Our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal.” JFK, 1963*

We enter this world with a breath, the first and we depart this world with a breath, the last. Air accompanies us our entire life. However self evident, this wonderful gift of nature to mankind may be we mustn't neglect the uniting bonding power that it possesses. Air ist he basic element of life that connects us all.

Christin Ecker was born in 1961 and has been working as an independent artist in Salzburg, Austria since 1990. The genesis his art project ATMEN arose through intensive research in study of oxygen.

Oxygen. This exciting chapter in our planet's history began 3 billion years ago with cyanobacteria. Cyanobacteria, or more commonly known as blue-green algae, obtain energy from sunlight through photosynthesis. As a byproduct of this process, oxygen is produced and released into our atmosphere. Through atmospheric changes throughout earth's long history a fascinating chemical transformation enabled a mass oxygenation therefore resulting in the air we breathe today.

Without oxygen it is with absolute certainty, that most living organisms would not be able to survive.

My linear background to these photographic works developed from drawings depicting blue-green algae. Consequently, I have named the resulting works, „type faces of evolution.“ My intention for this project was to photograph the breathing or breathe of the viewer while observing my paintings, thereby capturing the conscience perception of this automatic process.

I sincerely thank you for your participation.

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