

German Cultural Center

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"Rocks and Water — Solo exhibition by Monika Kropshofer"

From October 2nd to November 11th, the German Cultural Center will display an impressive series of works under the title "Rocks and Water" by German artist Dr. Monika Kropshofer.

Kropshofer's works present neither photography nor painting, but a brilliantly mastered combination of the two. The photos were taken on several travels around the world, and they are the initial point of the artist's works. The motifs captured by her camera clearly show her special talent in attentively observing the world around her.

These traditionally taken, non-computer-edited photos serve as basis for her artwork.

They are carefully painted over with layers of bright, shining colours. The gradually vanishing realistic motifs then begin to pose questions of surface and space. This "alienation" increases the structural impression of the pictures, making them nearly abstract works somewhere between photographic realism and abstraction — thereby offering the viewer a great variety of interpretations.

"Rocks and Water" — as the title of the exhibition reveals — are the main elements of this exhibition. Manmade stone structures of historic buildings as well as profane German brick houses are contrasted with stunning coast lines and flowing, sparkling water, creating yet

another tension for the viewer.

Dr. Monika Kropshofer was born in 1952 in Neuwied, Germany. After working as a lawyer, she started studying art history in 1988, concentrating especially on contemporary art movements. Since 1990 she has been working as a freelance artist.

Her art — a collage of traditional photography and original paintings — offers a stunning visual experience.

"Rocks and Water" will be on display from October 2nd to November 11st. The opening of the exhibition will be on October 2nd, 2008 at 7.30 p.m., the artist will be present.

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