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FLIGHTS OF FANCY

Kino Babylon (Saal 2+3) - 02.06.2012 - 18.30–23.30

TEGEL: FLIGHTS OF FANCY is a video programme that responds to the planned closure of Berlin's Tegel Airport. The project is organised by Jaspar Joseph-Lester, Susanne Prinz and Julie Westerman and builds on a series of events, exhibitions and publications that have been realised through cross-cultural collaboration between artists based in the UK and Germany. The event will be hosted by Verein zur Förderung von Kunst und Kultur am Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz and screened at the Kino Babylon on Saturday 2 June at 6:30–11:30 p.m.

The closure of Tegel airport marks an important change in the way air travel is organised and experienced. The design of this airport is of a time when flight was associated with glamour, fantasy, technological progress, romantic chance encounters and fictional disasters. The building consists of a large concrete hexagonal structure circumnavigated by a corridor, punctuated with brightly coloured check-in desks. Viewing platforms and executive lounges populate the circumference of the building, inviting the traveller to enjoy a navigable thoroughfare instead of the shed-like enclosure with limited seating. There are commissioned art works, restaurants and bars, cafés and shops. The décor follows the distinctive bright colour schemes of its age all the way through to the plastic sinks and hand dryer in the restrooms.

Tegel Airport is closing and while there are rumours about the next incarnation of this elegant building, what it might become in the future remains uncertain. The 36 films selected for *TEGEL: FLIGHTS OF FANCY* speculate on both how the airport might be occupied in the future and what it symbolized in the past, they explore how air travel is hard wired into the imagination: the cinematic (disaster, romance and action movie all in one), and consider concepts of cultural mobility, exchange and internationalism.

Artists:

Michelle Atherton, Diane Bauer+Amanda Beech, Chloé Brown, Giorgio Cappozzo+Robert Gschwantner, Alison J.Carr+Kerstin Honeit, Steven Chodoriwsky, Jamie Crew, Nick Crowe+Ian Rawlinson, Harriet Davies, Bryan Eccleshall+Karl Heinz Jeron, Stella Flatten+Jon Klein+Liane Lang, Hondartza Fraga+Miguel Santos, Rachel Garfield+Janet Hodgson, Margarita Gluzberg, Jane Harris, Gill Hobson, Dale Holmes+Gary Simmonds, Dominique Hurth, Stephan Hüscher+Águeda Simó, Jaspar Joseph-Lester, Renata Kaminska, Natasja Keller+Irene Pätzug, Sharon Kivland, Olga Lewicka+Carsten Zorn, Jeff Luckey, T.C. McCormack, Ashley Metz+Boris, Riedel+Joachim Stein, Jon Moscow, Karina Nimmerfall, Robert Partridge, Amy Patton, Melody Panosian+Stéphane Querrec, Karin Ruggaber+Sarah Staton, Leon Seth, Julie Westerman.



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