

# NHU XUAN HUA. HUG OF A SWAN

Exhibition period: **February 10 – April 09, 2023**

Opening: **Thursday, February 09, 2023, 7 pm**

Venue: **Fotografie Forum Frankfurt, Braubachstr. 30–32, 60311 Frankfurt**

Frankfurt am Main, February 09, 2023 – She creates photographic art of her very own kind and is considered as a remarkable new talent: **Nhu Xuan Hua**, born in Paris in 1989 to a family of Vietnamese origin, has made her name internationally as a fashion and portrait photographer. She works for magazines such as Vogue, The Wall Street Journal, Dazed Beauty and TIME Magazine as well as for major fashion brands such as Dior, Kenzo and Levi's. The exhibition **NHU XUAN HUA. HUG OF A SWAN** highlights the photographer's artistic work and underlines its fascinating versatility.

Nhu Xuan Hua's family fled to Belgium and France after the Vietnam War (1955–1975), where Hua was born. After leaving her parental home, she felt increasingly cut off from her roots. So she interviewed family members about her past, hoping to fill the gap and learn something about herself. The artistic response to this research can be seen at **Fotografie Forum Frankfurt** (FFF): installations and objects specially designed for the exhibition, as well as digitally manipulated photographs inspired by family photos.

By combining commissioned and artistic works, the show demonstrates that Hua's entire body of work deals with questions of identity, family history and repressed memories – also in the hope of learning more about her own roots.

Nhu Xuan Hua graduated from the photography course at the Auguste Renoir Academy of Art in Paris in 2011. One of her most famous photo shoots was cover of TIME Magazine in 2018; for the cover theme "Leaders of the next generation", Hua had photographed the K-pop band BTS. Tropism, Nhu Xuan Hua's first monograph, was published in 2022 (by Area Books, Paris). The artist currently lives in Paris.

The FFF presents **NHU XUAN HUA. HUG OF A SWAN** in cooperation with Huis Marseille, Museum for Photography, Amsterdam (HMA), where the artist's work was first shown in a museum in 2022. The exhibition was curated by Nanda van den Berg (Director HMA) and Désirée Kroep (Junior Curator, HMA) together with Nhu Xuan Hua.

Projektpartner:

**HUIS MARSEILLE**

## **FOTOGRAFIE FORUM FRANKFURT**

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## **SPECIAL PROGRAMME**

**SAT, 11.02., 2 pm GALLERY TALK**  
with **NHU XUAN HUA** and **CELINA LUNSFORD**.

**SUN, 19.02., 19.03., 3 pm CURATOR'S TOUR**  
with **CELINA LUNSFORD**

**SAT/SUN, 11./12.03., 10 am–5 pm WORKSHOP**  
BUILDING NARRATIVES with **NHU XUAN HUA** [in English; registration open]

**PUBLIC GUIDED TOURS** every **Wednesday, 5 pm**

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## **FFF ACADEMY**

**SAT/SUN, 18./19.02., 10 am–6 pm FFF MASTERCLASS 2023** (Start)  
DAS FOTOGRAFISCHE PORTRÄT. AUFBAU, WIRKUNG, KONZEPT  
with **KATHARINA BOSSE** [waiting list only]

**SAT, 25.02., 10 am–5 pm WORKSHOP**  
TAKING THE NEXT STEP. VOM PROJEKT ZUM FOTOBUCH, Teil 2  
with **ALEXA BECKER** [in German, fully booked]

**SAT, 18.03., 2–5 pm WORKSHOP**  
EYES ON FRANKFURT  
with **MARKUS SEIBEL** [in German; waiting list only]

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