

Harald Hauswald:

An Inventory of His Photographic Prints at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Hauswald, Harald, 1954-
Title:	Harald Hauswald Photographic Prints
Dates:	1980-1988
Extent:	51 photographs
Abstract:	Fifty-one photographs taken in the 1980s by Harald Hauswald document life in East Berlin during the rule of the German Democratic Republic. Images depict political monuments, the punk scene, old architecture, new architecture, and street scenes.
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Biographical Sketch

Born in 1954 in Radebeul, Germany (near Dresden), Harald Hauswald studied photography in an apprenticeship in the 1970s. In 1977, he moved to Berlin where he held various jobs, including telegram messenger and photo-lab assistant. From 1981 to 1989, he worked as a photographer for the Stephanus Foundation. As a photographer, Hauswald aimed to take pictures that depicted aspects of life in Berlin which were not present in the official East German media. He wanted to show the real face of East Germany including scenes of resistance to the government. With friend and writer Lutz Rathenow, whom Hauswald met and began working with in 1978, Hauswald published his photographs in West German journals, for which the government of the German Democratic Republic named him a public enemy. Hauswald and Rathenow have since published several books together.

In 1989, Hauswald became a member of the Verband Bildender Künstler (the GDR Fine Arts Association), and since then he has worked as a freelance photographer. Hauswald's photographs have been published in *GEO*, *Stern*, *Zeitmagazin*, and *Das Magazin* among other publications, and numerous exhibitions of his work have been mounted throughout Europe and the United States. He was a founding member of the Ostkreuz photography agency in 1990. In 1997, he was awarded the Bundesverdienstkreuz (Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany), and in 2006 he received the Einheitspreis--Bürgerpreis zur Deutschen Einheit (Citizen's Award of German Unity). He and his work are also featured in the 2007-2009 European Union-sponsored project "Overcoming Dictatorships." As of 2013, he continues to live and work in Berlin.

Sources:

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Scope and Contents

Fifty-one photographs taken in the 1980s by Harald Hauswald document life in East Berlin during the rule of the German Democratic Republic. Images depict political monuments, the punk scene, old architecture such as the Berliner Dom cathedral, new architecture such as the television tower, and street scenes, many of which were taken at Alexanderplatz, also called the "Alex."

Image descriptions were taken either from labels from exhibitions at the University of Texas Germanic Studies Department or from the books, *Ost-Berlin: Life before the Wall fell*, *Berlin-Ost: Die andere Seite einer Stadt*, and *Gewendet: Vor und nach dem Mauerfall: Fotos und Texte aus dem Osten* which were written with Lutz Rathenow.

All photographs are black-and-white gelatin silver prints, each measuring 25 x 37 cm and matted to 16 x 20 inches.

Index Terms

People

Hauswald, Harald, 1954-

Places

Berlin (Germany: East)

Document Types

Black-and-white photographs

Gelatin silver prints

Photographic Prints, 1980-1988

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- Accession Number: 2008:0013:0002** Then the monument of a leader [Ernst Thälmann] of the German communists! [1980s]. **Container**
Box 1
- Accession Number: 2008:0013:0003** Then the monument for the victims of fascism. American soldiers visit it often and have their picture taken. [1980s]. **Container**
Box 1
- Accession Number: 2008:0013:0004** [Statue of] Frederic II (the "Great"), the most famous king of Prussia, first banned, then re-erected. [1980s]. **Container**
Box 1
- Accession Number: 2008:0013:0005** A monument of Marx and Engels is being erected! 1986. **Container**
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- Accession Number: 2008:0013:0006** The Karl-Marx Boulevard--broad streets built after the example of Soviet city architecture. [1980s]. **Container**
Box 1
- Accession Number: 2008:0013:0007** After that, 'Berlin-Marzahn' a new development at the edge of the city. [Image of children walking through a construction area]. 1982. **Container**
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- Accession Number: 2008:0013:0008** Rarely presents the Wall itself as an idyll: here at the edge of a graveyard... Actually, it is forbidden to photograph the Wall... [Alternate titles: Friedhof St. Hedwig, Chausseestrasse; Cemetery divided by the Wall, Liesenstrasse]. 1986. **Container**
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- Accession Number: 2008:0013:0015** TV tower at Alexanderplatz. [1980s]. **Container**
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Accession Number: 2008:0013:0023 Alte Stadtmauer, Waisenstrasse [Image of a leafless tree in front of a brick wall]. [1980s]. **Container**
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