

Roi #4, 2012

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**Romain Mader**

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serie Ekaterina

inkjet print

Image: 10x15 cm or 3,9x5,9 inch

Frame: 25x31 cm or 9,8x12,2 inch

Edition of 6 ex + 2 AP

courtesy Galerie Dix9 Helene Lacharmoise

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**Description:**

Creating fictional narrative within his images, Romain Mader realized the project "Ekaterina" in 2012. Travelling to the imaginary city of Ekaterina, the artist documents his search for a girlfriend, clumsily posing with mail-order brides and passing through a series of fictional towns. Between reality and fiction, irony and vulnerability, the work is made of photographs which form also a film looking like a photo novel. Performing himself the story, Mader makes a kind of fictional documentary about sex tourism in Ukraine and plays with the aesthetics of documentary photography. The ever-posing women, castle-like buildings and billboards of the ideal married life give the impression of a utopian lifestyle, however unobtainable in reality.