

Atölye, 2013



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video installation, colour, sound

10'20

Unique artwork

courtesy Galerie Dix9 Hélène Lacharmoise

Description:

Atölye / Atelier is a site-specific installation first shown in 2013 at the Kunstverein in Wiesbaden, Germany.

The film was shot in a traditional Armenian-Turkish workshop for stucco work in Istanbul. Handed down over 5 generations of craftsmen, the expertise in this atelier provided the décor for some of the best known buildings in Istanbul, such as the Dolmabahce Palace. This atelier today is an historical memory of Istanbul, the representative capital of the Ottoman Empire. A multitude of ornamental fragments of representational buildings in a diversity of historical and cultural styles mingle here in an eclectic way. One has the impression of standing in an archive of architectures and histories, entangling western Orientalism and the Ottoman version of European Rococo.