

Book Launch

Nicolaus Schmidt – KOSMOS GAYHANE

The first book about Gayhane at SO36 in Berlin, the HomoOriental Dancefloor – House of Halay. For the 22nd birthday of Gayhane on 30.01.2021, a lavish and sophisticated book will be published for the first time: a portfolio in a slipcase – with a multiple (an artist's book in color) and a magazine in black and white.

The publication of the book was to be accompanied by three events in Berlin, at SO36, the Schwulen Museum and the Kunststiftung K52. The pandemic prevents these cultural events.

A catalog presentation with selected works by Nicolaus Schmidt from the cycle on GAYHANE can nevertheless be seen:

from Sat. 30 January to 5 March 2021 at Kunstbücher (Art Books) K52* | 2 - 6 p.m.
Joachimstr. 17 / corner Auguststraße | 10119 Berlin

*The event takes place in accordance with the SARS-CoV-2 containment measures ordinance of the state of Berlin valid at that time.

Gayhane is the »House of Halay«, the traditional round dance. Here lesbians, gays, straight men, men with beards and faggots meet on high heels. »Hane« stands for house in Arabic and in Turkish, so Gayhane means something similar to gay house. The music, which is mixed here from Turkish, Arabic, Indian and other songs, had a great influence on other metropolises. Gayhane is a protected space, it is actually not allowed to take pictures.

From 2002 to 2006, Nicolaus Schmidt took impressive portraits in cooperation with Fatma Souad and developed a script of body shapes for the Gayhane cosmos. The result is a book as a work of art. The Gayhane cosmos follows its own rules, and so the writing is not easy to decipher. An accompanying booklet reflects a special story in texts and photographs.

Texts by İpek İpekçioğlu, Fatma Souad and Kira Kosnick shed light on queer and migrant club culture. Helen Adkins writes about Nicolaus Schmidt's art project and the poems behind the encrypted writing. These are fragments from a cycle of German Romantic poems - known for Schubert's »Winterreise«, written by Wilhelm Müller. In the book KOSMOS GAYHANE, German Romanticism meets Arabic and Turkish popular music. In both, love pain appears deep as an ocean and black as night.

More information to the catalogue: [https://www.artinflow.de/en/nicolaus-schmidt/Nicolaus Schmidt – GAYHANE, Slipcase with a Multiple \(96 Pages, Hardcover\) and a Magazine \(72 Pages, Softcover\), 29,5 x 24 cm, German/English, 99,00 EUR](https://www.artinflow.de/en/nicolaus-schmidt/Nicolaus%20Schmidt%20-%20GAYHANE,%20Slipcase%20with%20a%20Multiple%20(96%20Pages,%20Hardcover)%20and%20a%20Magazine%20(72%20Pages,%20Softcover),%2029,5%20x%2024%20cm,%20German/English,%2099,00%20EUR)
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