



ZOO LOGICAL

DAVID O'SHAUGHNESSY

This series of photographs represent places where zoo animals are presented to the public. David O'Shaughnessy photographed these humanly organised environments in London, Dublin and New York between 1997 and 2005.

The environments themselves form exhibits that emulate indigenous animal habitats. In O'Shaughnessy's photographs, the apparent absence of animals intensifies the effect of these places and the act of looking itself. The viewer's attention is focused into a seemingly erratic environment that is a highly structured world of architecture, set design and elements of wild landscape, combining artificial and natural resources, presented for both human and animal consumption. The ordering of such spaces mirrors our own world in how we alternately view what is exhibited and the boundaries of display.

O'Shaughnessy's work considers the scientific uses of these spaces and the experience of the visitor presented with them as a place to look at animals as our 'other'. Focusing on individual locations and concentrating on different areas within each, these photographs pose questions of what comes between human and animal worlds.

About:

David O'Shaughnessy is a photographer who was born and raised in Ireland. After having trained and worked as an electrician, David took time out and decided to return to studying photography. This led him to relocating and completing his studies in England at the Surrey Institute of Art and Design in Farnham where he graduated in 1999.

On leaving Farnham David moved to London where he started working and travelling extensively as a photographer's assistant to some very successful and influential photographers whilst nurturing his own photography discipline. David's photography embraces subject matters that include landscape, still life and portraiture.

David's various projects have been exhibited widely and his portrait work has been published in the UK and internationally. He is constantly engaging himself with image-based projects. David lives in east London where he has lived since 1999.

'Zoo Logical' has been selected as one of Time Out and Whitechapel Gallery First Thursday Top 5 Exhibitions for November 2015.

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