

Christophe Guye Galerie

Kosuke – WARNING

Exhibition: October 1–24, 2026, at Never Stop Reading, Zurich

Christophe Guye Galerie is pleased to present *WARNING*, an offsite solo exhibition by Japanese artist **Kosuke**, on view from October 1 to October 24, 2026, at **Never Stop Reading** Bookstore in Zurich.

Born in Japan in 1986, **Kosuke** consciously situates his photographic practice within the tension between homage, memory, and reinvention. Drawing inspiration from artists such as Man Ray, Mario Giacomelli, Daido Moriyama, and André Kertész, he engages with iconic photographic languages and historical concepts not through quotation, but through transformation. For Kosuke, the history of photography serves as a living material that can be continued, layered, and reimagined.

At the center of his work lies the analogue technique of multiple exposure. Far from being purely technical experiments, his photographs become emotionally charged spaces where different moments, perspectives, and atmospheres merge into a single image. Reality and memory, observation and imagination overlap, creating dreamlike compositions that are at once poetic, contemplative, and subtly unsettling. Despite their layered complexity, the works retain the distinctive materiality and quiet dignity of analogue photography.

The series *WARNING*, presented in this exhibition, unfolds a peculiar world suspended between melancholy, absurdity, and silent tension. Recurring figures of idle cats wander through urban scenes, fragmented landscapes, and almost cinematic situations. Appearing as detached observers within an altered reality, they lend the images both lightness and ambiguity. The exhibition title deliberately contrasts with the quiet poetry of the works, opening a space for uncertainty, interpretation, and emotional contradiction.

Kosuke's photographs resist singular readings. Rather than functioning as documentary images, they evoke fragile spaces of memory where past, present, and imagination continuously overlap. It is through this openness and slowness that the works gain their particular intensity, inviting viewers to immerse themselves in their subtle shifts and emotional nuances.

About Christophe Guye Galerie

Christophe Guye Galerie was founded in 2006 in Los Angeles by Christophe Guye and has been based in Zurich since 2010. It is considered one of the leading international galleries dedicated to contemporary fine art photography. The gallery represents national and international artists who situate photography within the expanded field of contemporary artistic practice and who contribute significantly to art historical discourse, the development of the medium, and contemporary art as a whole. The gallery presents four to six exhibitions annually, featuring artists from its program as well as guest projects. Its activities also include collection consulting, the development and organization of exhibitions in collaboration with institutions, museums, and partner galleries, and regular participation in international art fairs such as Paris Photo, Photo London, MIA Milan, Unseen Amsterdam, and Photo Shanghai.

About Never Stop Reading

Founded in 2017, Never Stop Reading is an independent bookstore and cultural hub located on Zurich's historic Spiegelgasse in the heart of the Old Town. Curating an internationally minded selection of books and magazines spanning architecture, design, photography, art, food, fashion, and cycling culture, the store serves as a place of discovery for creative communities and curious readers alike.

Through book launches, talks, readings, musical evenings, and exhibitions, Never Stop Reading fosters dialogue across disciplines and brings together artists, publishers, authors, and audiences. Beginning in 2026, the gallery program will expand beyond its established focus on photography and graphic art to embrace a broader range of contemporary cultural themes, further strengthening the bookstore's role as a platform for creative exchange in Zurich.

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Never Stop Reading Bookstore, Spiegelgasse 18, 8001 Zurich

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