

070804_19:15, 2007

Installation, DVD (PAL, colour, silent), 31:54 min

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«070804_19:15» starts with a slightly fluctuating and confused gaze into a familiar looking landscape. Soon we can recognise, that we are following the rhythm of a machine in the midst of the “Siloballen” (fodder fermenting silo balls) production.

Implications: grasping, lifting, wrapping, settling, grasping, lifting, wrapping, settling.

«I see»: Video is taken from Latin, meaning seeing - in close relation to one's own way of seeing. Technically easy to handle, allows the video camera, more so than most other mediums, and artistic form of reality observation and (self-) reflection.

In an exceptional, unflinching composed sequence of images Andrea Suter has documented the everyday peasant life; coevally she brings, with her own particular gaze, which transmutes the mechanical routine into a dream alike dance, space for meditation and cogitation.

The video by Andrea Suter necessitates patience, as it opposes the habitual flickering and noise to the obviously unhurried real time rhythm, playing in total silence.

Free of acoustic and visual noise «070804_19:15» sharpens one's sight and constantly reassesses the opinionated look one tends to have on the everyday. The usually unobserved becomes an incident: carefully stacked wood, the bee hives in the peasant garden, the bright red colour of the tractor, the women picking the fruit from the tree, the barn's sunburned facade.

At once the perception moves onto a different level: The camera slowly moves away and the glistening “Siloballen” appear as white spots, gaps which bring the changes of the homely landscape into consciousness.

Furthermore is this discovered gap, the white spot in the landscape, a small connotation to the history of painting: The artist interprets the gap, this empty spot which since ever facilitates the access into a tableau, as a circular ‘hole’ – possibly also as an escape.