



Book Tower Images

Visualizing Henry van de Velde's Ghent

University Library Tower

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Book Tower Images focuses on the rich artistic imagery of the monument. Over the years, leading artists and photographers such as Frans Masereel, Lucien Hervé, Candida Höfer, and Carl De Keyser have visualised it abundantly. Jan De Cock, Marie-Jo Lafontaine, Anne Teresa De Keersmaeker and others realised installations or dance performances in the building that were documented with the help of photographs and films.

Juxtaposing multiple images of the same building, **Book Tower Images** deals with various models of architectural representation: from typical modernist architectural photographs by Emile Sergysels from the 1940s to recent explorations by Dirk Braeckman, Geert Goiris, Aglaia Konrad, and Walter Vorjohann among many others.

Book Tower Images combines architectural photography with a myriad of other artistic and photographic practices such as documentary photography, street photography, fashion shoots, photojournalism, amateur photography, painting, drawing, video, film etc – with, of course, the Book Tower as leitmotiv.