



Seeing Zumthor

Reflections on Architecture and Photography -
Images by Hans Danuser

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- Shows one of the most important contemporary architectural photographer's images of the buildings by one of the most celebrated contemporary Swiss architects
- Investigates the ideas and concepts and the importance of Danuser's architectural photography

Hans Danuser is among the foremost contemporary Swiss photographic artists. He has gained particular recognition for his art projects in collaboration with architects and for his architectural photography. His work has been shown internationally in solo and group exhibitions and is represented in public collections, such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus in Munich, the Kunsthaus Zürich and the Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland. His photographs of buildings by the celebrated Swiss architect Peter Zumthor ignited a lively debate on buildings, images and history when they were first shown twenty years ago and have since made their way around the world in magazines and books. They were the result of a carte blanche Zumthor had offered to Danuser: an artist's radically subjective look at the work of another artist representing a different discipline. *Seeing Zumthor - Images by Hans Danuser* presents a selection of Danuser's Zumthor-pictures. An accompanying essay investigates the effect of Danuser's work on the photographic depiction of architecture, and in a discussion Hans Danuser explains the idea and concept behind his images of Zumthor's buildings. Text in English and German.

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