

PRESS RELEASE

Text und Tinte

Poems and drawings by Kerstin Parlow

An event organised under the auspices of **Printemps des Poètes, Berlin09**

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Private view: Friday, 6 March 2009 at 8 pm

Reading: Friday, 6 March 2009 at 9 pm

Opening times: Tuesday and Friday from 2 to 5 pm

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The lyrical prose of Kerstin Parlow does not fit neatly in any literary category. Her texts consist of short, vivid sentences that penetrate far into the realm of the unconscious. On this journey through inner life, the reader is mercilessly confronted with raw emotional states. Parlow weaves a nebulous layer around the content of the words, making them seem both inaccessible and familiar. The melodious power of the language allows suspense to build, much like the concentrated listening to music.

In the exhibition “Text und Tinte”, the formal separation between text and image is lifted, creating a context in which the words flow in visual space and the ink drawings read like text. For Parlow, ink is a substance that lets her rearrange the borders of reality and erect a parallel world against the resistance of reality.

Kerstin Parlow, born in Germany, studied Photography in Mt Carmel, USA, and Bielefeld. After living in Australia and Egypt, she settled in Berlin ten years ago, where she has since worked as a photographer and writer. Current projects include *Omi und Fritz*, a book featuring correspondence between her grandparents during the war, as well as a photography book about Berlin.

Printemps des Poètes, Berlin09 is an international and interdisciplinary initiative, aimed at generating reflection about the nature of poetry and inspiring people to express different ideas and images through poetic expression. From 2 to 15 March, poetic mini-activities and larger projects will take place in many districts of Berlin. A regular event in France for ten years, the idea comes from the French society *Printemps des Poètes*. Each spring it puts on a festival of poetry around a given theme. For more information, please visit: www.printempsdespoetes-berlin09.blogspot.com

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