



SPINNEREI – from cotton to culture

More than 130 years ago the Leipziger Baumwollspinnerei stock corp. bought a property of about 10 hectare in the west of Leipzig. Up to the year 1907 there was built the largest cotton spinning mill of Central Europe. It grew to a fascinating city of itself with worker accommodations, gardens and even a Kindergarten. Although there have been many changes throughout the years everything is preserved till now. Especially the decline of the cotton yarn production in 1992 meant the most important change for this old factory. After the complete stop of the production artists have been the pioneers of revitalization for this area. Until now there are over 100 ateliers of artists who work and sometimes also live there. Among others such well-known international artists as Neo Rauch feel inspired from the unique atmosphere. But the art of painting is just one piece of the picture. You can also find musicians, dancers, manufacturers, architects, retailers, printers, designers and a lot more interesting people and artists who felt attracted by the SPINNEREI too. Till the end of 2004 this place became more and more famous for its high quality and innovative art production. Various gallery owners of Leipzig took notice and six of them opened new exhibition areas in 2005. First of all, the gallery EIGEN+ART rented the most spectacular space of the former steam engine hall. The upcoming and increasing international interest for the special art of Leipzig attracted more and more people who wanted to participate in the outstanding development of the SPINNEREI. Nowadays 13 galleries with exhibition areas feel at home there, remarkably also gallery owners of New York, Mexico and London. Together with the artists and the non-profit organization of HALLE 14 it rose a “cosmos of art” you find nowhere else in the world. Hardly any other factory of this size that was commercially revitalized can present such a successful story. The most important fact of SPINNEREI is the amazing amount of art that is presented for the interested audience and at the same time still remains home and working space for the artists and all the other creative freelancers - an authentic historical place filled with life and creative power of these days.

Highlights 2014

Gallery Tour: May 3/ 4, 2014, 11 am - 9 pm / 11 am - 6 pm

Photo festival f/stop: June 6 - June 15

Gallery Tour: September 13/ 14, 2014, 11 am - 8 pm / 11am - 4pm

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