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psychoarchitecture
Anton Kern Gallery

Opening Thursday, November 5, Anton Kern Gallery will present a selection of photographs by Martin Kippenberger and Richard Prince. The exhibition is curated by Neville Wakefield.

psychoarchitecture juxtaposes two strands of photographic essay originating in Martin Kippenberger's *Psychobuildings* and Richard Prince's *Adult Comedy Action Drama*.

Taking a look at deviant modernism - where better living by design has either become detached from its original ethos or simply gone wrong - *psychoarchitecture* is a portrait of the devolution of the originating impulse and its trickle-down into backyard vernacular. The images document architectural situations born of the death of the architect. Tragi-comedy rules and the utopian dream slowly unravels from the drawing board outward into the hands of local and private contractors, do-it-yourselfers, tree and plastic surgeons alike. Here handicap, defect and truth to bad materials and the fucked-up nature of things become their own heroic form of counter-purity.

The exhibition runs through December 19th, 1998.

The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm.
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