

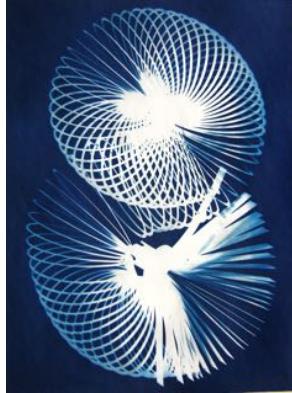
## PRESS RELEASE

### FORTHCOMING EXHIBITION

NANCY WILSON-PAJIC, *Blueprints*  
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*Spirals* 1999  
Unique photograph in Cyanotype  
Archival paper  
21,9 X 29,8 cm



*Chance Techniques* 1995  
Unique photograph in Cyanotype  
Archival paper  
21,9 X 29,8 cm



*Mannequin* 1995  
Unique photograph in Cyanotype  
Archival paper  
30 x 40 cm

**Paris, 12 April 2018.** Galerie Miranda is proud to announce the forthcoming exhibition by Nancy WILSON-PAJIC (b. 1941, USA), *Blueprints*. Since 1965, Nancy Wilson-Pajic has used narrative forms to make content-oriented artworks. She played an important role in the international artistic avant-garde of the 1970s with her text-sound installations and narrative works that often explored and questioned feminine role models, and commented twenty years later that “Working on female roles, using photography, posing for disguised self-portraits, and especially making works entirely in text and recorded sound, at the time I was doing it, did not conduct one directly to fame and fortune. It was rather looked upon as subversive and anti-artistic. This is hard to imagine today...”

In 1978 Nancy Wilson-Pajic moved to Paris where she began exploring the representative character of photography in relation to text and other forms of information, “My work is concerned with the processes by which information accumulates and is transformed – by juxtaposition with other information, by memory, and by the individual’s order of priorities. I have used sound recordings and written text, video and film, photographs, drawings and computer technologies — in installations, in book form and on the wall — to create mental spaces within which creative reflection may take place.”

Her early experiments with traditional photographic processes such as gum bichromate, carbon transfer, photogram, cyanotype, established Nancy Wilson-Pajic as a precursor of the artists’ photography movement. Throughout her distinguished and singular career Nancy Wilson-Pajic has participated in more than 400 personal and group exhibitions in galleries and museums around the world and three retrospective exhibitions have been devoted to her work by contemporary art museums. Her work features in the permanent collections of the Musée national d'art moderne (Paris), Musée d'Élysée (Lausanne), French National collection (Fonds national d'Art contemporain, Paris), Bibliothèque Nationale (Paris), Museet for Fotokunst (Odense), Nouveau Musée national de Monaco, Daelim Contemporary Art Museum (Seoul, Korea) and the Musée Réattu (Arles), to name but a few.

**Blueprints:** the exhibition presents a series of works of varying formats chosen from the artist’s personal collection. Whilst experimental photography is only one of the very different forms explored by the artist throughout her career, this selection of works aims to provide an insight into her different photographic investigations ranging from formal documentation, to allegory, to the use of her own body in the making of her art.

This exhibition continues the inaugural cycle at Galerie Miranda of exhibitions by women artists, initiated in March 2018 with ‘Early Color’ by Jo Ann Callis (runs until April 28<sup>th</sup>).

## **ARTIST NOTE : THE PHOTOGRAM**

The photograph (baptized "Shadogram" by Christian Schad and later "photogram" by Lazlo Moholy-Nagy or "Rayogram" by Man Ray) is a photographic print obtained by interposing an object between a photo-sensitive surface and a light source. The photogram doesn't require the use of a camera; it is an unique image, made without a negative, in which the values of the tones are reversed. The image can be made very subtle and complex by using a succession of different objects and light sources.

The first "photographs" were, in fact, photographs. In 1725 Johann Heinrich Schulze noted that the form of the label on his bottle of silver nitrate was "printed" onto the contents as a pale spot in a darkened surface. In the 1790s Humphrey Davy and Thomas Wedgwood experimented with silver nitrate, which they coated onto different surfaces and exposed to light under objects and drawings on tracing paper. They were not able to fix their images and so abandoned these experiments after having published the results in 1802. The first successful experiments of Nièpce et de Talbot were also photographs.

Unlike a photograph, a photogram is not a representation of reality. As such, it is not subject to the rules of pictorial representation, such as perspective or chiaroscuro, and is not "read" in the same way. A photogram is the imprint, the trace, the primary document of an object. It hasn't the appearance of being real; it rather functions like a hieroglyph, a pictogram, a kind of graphic, or writing.

The cyanotype process seems particularly suited to making photograms. When Sir John Herschel invented cyanotype in 1842, he immediately employed it for copying notes and writings. The botanist Anna Atkins used the same process to publish a very limited edition of photograms of algae, and until very recently cyanotype was used by architects to copy architectural drawings and plans. People still use the term "blue print" to signify an exact and precise plan of action or construction. The simplicity and permanence of the process permitted its use for the creation of copies for archives. For a long time, cyanotype was the most widespread photocopy process in use, the social and practical equivalent of today's electrostatic and laser photocopies.

During the 19th century, lace-makers made photograms of their designs on "blue-print" paper to register their designs, and the image of white lace on a blue background is traditional. When I saw a collection of them at the Musée des Beaux-Arts et de la Dentelle at Calais, it seemed to me perfectly normal that I should make some myself, so I set about elaborating a project which would permit me to do so. The results are every bit as interesting as I expected them to be.

The following year I contacted Christian Lacroix, who agreed to let me work with gowns from his Haute Couture collections. The result was the Apparitions, 30 life-sized photograms named for legendary heroines. The ensemble was first shown, with Lacroix's dresses, in July-August 1999 at the Tour des Templiers in Hyères. Other exhibitions have followed, works have entered important public and museum collections all over the world and a series of commissioned works have prolonged the research.

### **Nancy Wilson-Pajic**

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**NANCY WILSON-PAJIC**  
FROM THE EXHIBITION **BLUEPRINTS**



*Falling Angels: Chess* 1996-7  
Unique photograph 150 X 150 cm in cyanotype on archival paper

**NANCY WILSON-PAJIC**  
**SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 1967** Jericho, N.Y., Media Center  
**1970** New York, ARTS Center  
**1972** Ludlow Street Studio, New York  
**1973** A.I.R. Gallery, New York  
Artists Space, New York  
**1974** 112 Greene Street Gallery, New York  
GalleriaForma, Genova  
Galerie Germain, Paris  
**1975** Franklin Furnace Archives, New York  
A.I.R. Gallery, New York  
**1976** M.L. D'Arc Gallery, New York  
Franklin Furnace Archives, New York  
**1977** Herbert List Arts Center, Providence  
Galerie Germain, Paris  
**1983** Musée national d'Art moderne, Centre Pompidou, Paris  
**1985** Centre Franco-Américain, Rennes  
Galerie Michèle Chomette, Paris  
**1986** Mala Galerija, Museum of Modern Art, Ljubljana  
**1988** Galerie Michèle Chomette, Paris  
**1990** Musée Cantini, Marseille (Retrospective)  
**1991** Musée national d'art moderne, Centre Pompidou, Paris (Retrospective)  
**1992** Centre d'art contemporain, La Sellerie, Aurillac (Retrospective)  
Musée d'Art et de l'Archeologie, Aurillac (Retrospective)  
**1993** Centro Galego de Artes da Imaxe, Coruna  
**1994** Musée territorial de la Nouvelle Calédonie, Nouméa  
**1995** In Vitro, Paris  
**1996** Maison du Livre de l'Artiste contemporain, Domart-en-Ponthieu  
Maison de l'Art et de la Communication, Sallaumines  
**1997** Galerie Françoise Paviot, Paris  
**1999** Le Lieu, Lorient  
Tour des Templiers, Hyères  
**2000** Ferme de Coulevrain, Savigny-le-Temple Bourg  
**2001** Centre photographique d'Île-de-France, Pontault-Combault  
**2002** Barry Singer Gallery, Petaluma  
Galerie Françoise Paviot, Paris  
**2003** Art Chicago, Project Space, Stephen Daiter Contemporary  
Shine Gallery, London  
**2004** Galerie Françoise Paviot, Paris  
**2008** Stephanie Hoppen Gallery, London  
**2018** Galerie Miranda, Paris

## **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 1967** Garden City, N.Y., *Salon*
- 1969** New York, 13-14th streets, between 5th and 6th avenues, *Street Works II*
- 1970** Philadelphia, Annenberg School of Communications, *Artists' Video*
- 1971** New York, Red Groom's Loft, *Happenings*
- 1972** New York, A.I.R., *Inaugural Exhibition*  
 New York, Women's Interart Center, *Opening Exhibition*
- 1973** Rome, Parcheggio di Villa Borghese, *Contemporanea: Incontri Internazionali d'Arte*  
 Hartford, Connecticut, Wadsworth Atheneum and Venice, California, CalArts, C 7.500
- 1974** Paris, ARC, Musée d'art moderne de la Ville de Paris, *Vidéos d'Artistes*  
 New York, Artists Space, *5 Evenings*  
 Paris, Galerie Germain, *Artistes de la Galerie*
- 1975** Paris, Musée d'art moderne de la Ville de Paris, *Biennale de Paris*  
 New York, Martha Jackson West, *Words*  
 Guelph, Ontario, University Art Gallery, *Narrative in Contemporary Art*  
 New York, Fine Arts Building, *Lives*  
 Malmö, Konsthalle, *Ögon Blikar*
- 1976** Innsbruck, Galerie Krinzinger, *Women/Art/New Tendencies*  
 Bordeaux, CAPC; Brussels, Palais des Beaux-Arts; Paris, Théâtre national de Chaillot, *Identités-Identifications*  
 Bonn, Galerie Magers, *Frauen Machen Kunst*  
 Lublin, Poland, Labyrinth Gallery, *Narrative Art*
- 1977** New York, Whitney Museum, *Words: The Uses of Language in Art 1967-77*  
 Buffalo, N.Y., Albright-Knox Museum, *Artists' Books*  
 Wolfsburg, Kunsthalle, *Frauen Machen Kunst*  
 Ferrara, Italy, Ferrara Museum, *Artists' Books*
- 1981** Paris, Musée national d'art moderne, *Autoportraits photographiques*
- 1984** Frankfurt, Galerie Forum, *Formats*
- 1986** Paris, Musée national d'art moderne, *Photographie contemporaine en France*  
 London, National Portrait Gallery, *Staging the Self*
- 1987** Bonn, Frauen Museum, *Collection of the Foundation Camille*
- 1988** London, Barbican Gallery, *Art or nature*  
 Odense, Museet for Fotokunst, *Aedeltryk*
- 1989** Zurich, Galerie Zur Stockeregg, *International Contemporary Women*  
 Paris, Palais de Tokyo, *L'Oeil de la Lettre*  
 Paris, Musée national d'art moderne, *L'Invention d'un Art*  
 Milan, Palazzo Cigogna, *La nouvelle Photographie ancienne*
- 1990** Basel, Schweizer Mustermesse, *Photography in the 80s*
- 1993** Washington, D.C., Museum of Women in the Arts, *Collection of the Fondation Camille*  
 Milan, Muséo d'Arte Contemporanea, *Fotografie d'Artisti*
- 1996** Paris, Institut Français d'Architecture, *Repérages*
- 1997** Tokyo, Bunkamura, The Photography Collection of the MNAM  
 Musée des Beaux-Arts et de la Dentelle, Calais, *État des choses, État des lieux*
- 1998** Santa Fe, New Mexico, Museum of Art, *The Collection of Lucy Lippard*
- 1999** Mexico City, Espace d'Art Yvonamor Palix, *La Mariée / La Novia*
- 2001** Moscow, Museum of Photography, Petit Manège, *Les Métamorphoses du Modèle*  
 Prague, Institut français, *La part du rêve*
- 2002** Seoul, Korea, Daelim Contemporary Art Museum, *Les Métamorphoses du Modèle*

- 2003 Barcelona, Centre culturel français *Femmes/Femmes*  
 2004 Monte Carlo, Salle d'Exposition Antoine Premier, *Acte Un pour un nouveau Musée*  
 Magdeburg, Kunstmuseum Kloster Unser Lieben Frauen, *Paris des photographes*  
 2005 Guangzhou, Guangdong Museum of Art, *Paris des photographes*  
 2006 Seoul, Korea, Daelim Contemporary Art Museum, *Théâtre de la Mode*  
 Rome, Palazzo Ruspoli, *Idea per un museo*  
 2007 Paris, Musée national d'art moderne, Centre Pompidou, *Images en Mouvement*  
 2008 New York, Werkstätte Gallery, *A.I.R. Retrospective*  
 Arles, Musée Réattu, *Christian Lacroix, Invasion—Invision*  
 Paris, Musée national d'art moderne, *Expérimentations photographiques en Europe des années 1920 à nos jours*  
 2009 Paris, Musée national d'art moderne, Centre Pompidou, *elles@centrepompidou*  
 Bogotá, MAMBO Museum of Modern Art, *Paysages de la conscience*  
 Niteroi, Brazil, Musée d'art contemporain, *Portraits de villes*  
 2010 Nice, Théâtre de la Photographie, *Le Photogramme*  
 2011 Berlin, Kunstabibliothek, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, *Mode-Bild 1980 | 2010*  
 Paris, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, *L'objet photographique, une invention permanente*  
 2012 Arles, Musée Réattu, *Musée Réattu, Acte V*  
 2013 Lishui (China) *La France: Essai de portrait photographique de la France*  
 2016 Lausanne. Musée d'Élysée. *La Mémoire du futur*

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Musée national d'art moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris

Fonds national d'Art contemporain (French national collection of contemporary art), Paris

Nouveau Musée national de Monaco

Bibliothèque nationale, Paris

Fonds régional d'art contemporain : Languedoc-Roussillon, Bretagne, d'Ile-de-France, de Provence-Alpes-Côtes d'Azur, de Haute-Normandie...

Collection Neuflize Vie, Paris

Musée des Beaux-Arts, Strasbourg

Moderna Galerija, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Musée Cantini, Marseille

Museet for Fotokunst, Odense, Sweden

Institut français d'Architecture

Musée des Beaux-Arts, Calais

Musée des Beaux-Arts, Hyères

Daelim Contemporary Art Museum, Seoul, Korea

Nouveau Musée National de Monaco

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Musée français de la Photographie

Musée Réattu, Arles

Musée Malraux, Le Havre

Institut national du patrimoine, Paris

Musée Malraux, Le Havre

Arphilein Foundation, Vaduz, Luxembourg

Kunstabibliotek, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

Musée d'Élysée, Lausanne

## **SELECTED PUBLIC COMMISSIONS**

- 1989** Commission of a significant work (Commande d'État d'œuvre significative) for the 150th anniversary of photography: quadriptych 380 X 560 cm in mixed media on canvas.
- 1991** Commission by the region Languedoc-Roussillon of a triptych 114 x 486 cm in mixed media on canvas, for their collection and to commemorate the Canal du Midi.
- 1992** Commission by the City of Aurillac of a work on Gerbert of Aurillac, Pope Sylvester II: quadriptych 160 X 240 cm in mixed media on polyester.
- 1995** Commission by the Institut français d'Architecture and the Ministry of Culture (Commande d'État) of four portfolios of photographs after buildings by French architects.

- 1996** Commission by the City of Calais of a large-scale work for the Musée de Dentelle (Lace Museum): Work of variable size composed of 30 elements (photograms and photographs) from 30 X 40 to 180 X 220 cm in cyanotype.
- 1999** Commission by the Ville nouvelle de Sénart of a large-scale installation in the exhibition space in the Ferme de Coulevrain in Savigny-le-Temple.
- 2000** Commission by the Centre photographique d'Ile-de-France of a series of text-image works for public spaces throughout the town of Pontault-Combault.
- 2002** 1% commission by the town of Lomme for the Médiathèque consisting of 10 screen savers installed in the computers throughout the building and 20 images installed in narrative sequences at strategic places in the building.
- 2004** Commission by the Nouveau Musée National de Monaco for a series of photograms from their collection of theatre and dance costumes.
- 2006-07** Commission by the Ministry of Culture (Commande d'État) for a work consisting of 20 images and 10 texts on the architecture of August Perret at Le Havre.
- 2009-10** Commission by the Musée Malraux in Le Havre for a work consisting of a single sequence of 10 photographs of the church Saint Joseph by August Perret.