Light+Art presents

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Beginning of 2013 Pink+Gruen and Balestra Berlin were commissioned to design a permanent light installation for the opening of KAFFEEMITTE Monbijou in Berlin.

The concept of KAFFEEMITTE is to transform their daytime business of an Italian coffee into a high-end gourmet restaurant with a sophisticated cocktail bar at night. To underline those two different atmospheres and also to create a smooth transition, the artists created a chandelier, which varies in form and color: **U-BIJOU – a kinetic light sculpture.**

U-BIJOU embraces 30 hanging luminaries, distinguished by simplicity, quality and elegancy. A U-shaped glass pipe is connected to a black metal counterpart hosting the light technique, which thereby is becoming completely invisible. These beautiful luminaries are attached to a DMX controllable rail system with 7 tracks covering the entire ceiling of the venue. Integrated motors reel the light objects in and out, forming different constellations on the ceiling of the room. Either all lights are centered, unveiling a classical chandelier or spread over the entire space creating the desired atmosphere. The light technique is based on the PIXL SYS developed by Pink +Gruen. These DMX controllable LEDs enable users to create endless variations in light control.

The smooth movement of the luminaries conquering the room and spreading their black cables alongside the glossy black ceiling offers a stunning moment to the audience, whilst enjoying the transformation of the overall atmosphere and characteristic of KAFFEEMITTE Monbijou.

'Precious Diva'

The PIXL SYS

60 PIXLs are integrated into the specially designed and self-manufactured light objects of U-BIJOU.

The artist duo Pink+Gruen developed their own LED lighting technique – the PIXL SYS. This supermodular, small, lightweight, bright and DMX controllable light module is very convincing in its effectiveness. It allows the artist to work without compromises and in-dependently from other suppliers. The PIXL SYS comes with a slick designed black aluminium body which allows an easy implementation into different luminaries but also works as a stand-alone design object.

The combination of PIXL lights with full RGB color illumination and PSL 20 (Power Light Signal / DMX control module) enables users to create endless variations in light control!

KAFFEEMITTE

Cocoa
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The Artists

U-BIJOU has been designed and manufactured by Pink+Gruen and Balestra Berlin. This permanent kinetic light sculpture is an exemplary work of the artists for the realization of commissioned light installations as interior design. The creation of technical solutions alongside sophisticated light objects expands the artists portfolio by constant installations.

Pink+Gruen alias Elias Keimer and Crishan Böhner know each other since their early childhood. They started to work together in 2009 when they both moved to Berlin. Elias has worked as project manager and light operator for various lighting agencies, whereas Crishan gained his experience as electronic technician with a stop-over in Shanghai. These different backgrounds are supporting their artistic work as Pink+Gruen. The Berlin-based artist duo committed themselves to a deep level of personal identification with their work and a high artistic and aesthetical claim.

Launched in 2006 the Balestra Berlin team is working in the field of ‘cultural management & idea engineering’. The interdisciplinary group of Creatives interlink disciplines like architecture, event and light design. Their widely famous Light Room Installation ‘kubik’ is exemplary for their focus of connecting light, space, environment and sound. As Balestra Berlin is has been dealing with the synergies between light and art for more than 8 years, they proudly launched their ‘light+art’ department acting as agent for unique light installations by international artists. Their ‘light+art' roster represents their perspective on innovative light art and points out the great significance of this aesthetic discipline. The agency’s services include the selection of contemporary light projects, customization of the installations and onsite production for their clients.

Balestra Berlin

Balestra Berlin acts as the access point through which interested parties interlink with the herein presented light artists and detailed information about U-BIJOU. As agents our services include the selection of contemporary light projects, customization of the installations, project management (development, consulting, preparation, contracting & accounting) as well as the onsite production for their clients.

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