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Small Stories by David Lynch

In the frame of the Luxembourg City Film Festival 2023

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11:00 - 19:00

Cercle Cité
Luxembourg

Free entrance

Opening: 09.02.2023 at 18:00

David Lynch, while being an acclaimed filmmaker, has always considered himself a painter first and foremost. His artistic endeavours over the years have included a variety of mediums, such as painting, drawing, sculpture, lithography, music, and design. And while he may be best known as an award-winning film director, he's never stopped creating and exploring within the world of fine arts.

The photographic series *Small Stories* offers a glimpse into one of Lynch's lesser-known works. The series consists of fifty-five black and white photographs. These little stories, exhibited at Cercle Cité's *Ratskeller*, are displayed in a landscape of flickering light, sound, and red curtains that immerses the visitor in Lynch's fantastic world. Within each image, inhabited by shapes, figures and phantoms, haunting spaces and dreamlike landscapes, the visitor can find recurring motifs from the artistic and cinematic universe of David Lynch. The images on display are like memories, marked by the light and darkness of 1950's suburbia, big frightening cities, a loving family, or violence behind closed doors. They are dreams, conjuring Lynch's "longing for something out of the ordinary to happen".

Accompanying the photographs are weekly screenings of early short films by David Lynch, including Lynch's first ever film, *Six Men Getting Sick*. Created in 1967 while studying at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, this work demonstrates the passage from painting and sculpture to the moving image. It also reveals the multimedia potential that later developed in Lynch's multidisciplinary artistic *Œuvre*. By including his early film works, the exhibition *Small Stories by David Lynch*, shown within the framework of the Luxembourg City Film Festival 2023, emphasizes Lynch's initiation to film from his roots as an artist.

Among David Lynch's strengths is his play with ambiguity, and his understanding of duality as an integral part of life. Driven by curiosity and imagination, his artistic work, as well as his films, look closely at the everyday and the common, the ugly and hidden, through an inquisitive lens. His works lift a curtain to reveal the eerie and magical, the bizarre and gloomy; Lynch succeeds in building a unique narrative and inviting us into his very own world.

Small Stories by David Lynch

Organisation	Cercle Cité
Curators	Anastasia Chaguidouline and Alex Reding
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Exhibition opening

Exhibition opening on Thursday, **9th of February 2023** at **18:00**.

Free entrance, no prior registration needed.

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Practical information and press contacts

Exhibition	« Small Stories by David Lynch »
Dates	From February 10th until April 16th 2023
Opening hours	Free entrance, everyday from 11:00 to 19:00
Venue	*Ratskeller* exhibition space, entrance via rue du Curé
Free guided tour	**Every Saturday at 15:00** 11.02 at 15:00 (EN) 18.02 at 15:00 (LU/DE) 25.02 at 15:00 (FR) 04.03 at 15:00 (EN) 11.03 at 15:00 (LU/DE) 18.03 at 15:00 (FR) 25.03 at 15:00 (EN) 01.04 at 15:00 (LU/DE) 08.04 at 15:00 (FR) **Free guided tour by curators** Friday 10.02 at 12:30 (FR) with curator Alex Reding Saturday 15.04 at 15:00 (EN) with curator Anastasia Chaguidouline *Free entrance and without registration, subject to availability.*
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