

# CAMPOLI PRESTI

Liz Deschenes

*Keystone*

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## Press release

Keystone is a non-linear exhibition of Liz Deschenes' existing works. Her photographs and photograms' photosensitive materials have been further exposed to external conditions - light, atmosphere and circulation to name a just a few. By re-presenting these works, the artist thus extends the works' process of production, engaging in a reframed conversation of her work that is ongoing.

Works from different series, that span over twenty years of exhibitions, with their own particular circulation histories, operate in the exhibition as keystones, essential structuring elements that hold the other pieces in place, without establishing any hierarchies between them. Changes in the works occurred over time, and do not establish a differential of value, but rather affirm their position as objects in transformation, challenging photography's traditional expectations on material stability.

After being released to a process of circulations and change, that are unpredictable even to the artist, Deschenes repossesses her own work and exposes an array of alterations. The decision regarding their current status returns to the agency of the artist, who straightforwardly reveals the way the works have been exhibited, conserved or not conserved, stored or on view. These transformations are also ongoing - *Keystone* will feature different configurations of work throughout the duration of the exhibition.

**Liz Deschenes** (1966) lives and works in New York. Her work is currently presented in a group exhibition at Punta Della Dogana / Pinault Collection in Venice. Deschenes had a survey exhibition at the ICA Boston with an accompanying monograph (2016). Recent solo exhibitions include the MASSMoCA, North Adams (2015); Walker Art Center, Minneapolis (2014) and Secession, Vienna (2012-2013). Her work was included in *Collected by Thea Westreich Wagner and Ethan Wagner* at the Centre Pompidou, Paris travelling from the Whitney Museum, New York. Past exhibitions include *Sites of Reason: A Selection of Recent Acquisitions* at MoMA, New York; the Whitney Biennial 2012 and *Parcours* at the Art Institute of Chicago with Florian Pumhösl (2013).

Public Collections:

MoMA - The Museum of Modern Art, New York  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
Le Centre Pompidou, Paris  
The Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
The Art Institute of Chicago  
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington D.C  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York  
Corcoran Museum of Art, Washington D.C.  
CCS Bard Hessel Museum, Annandale-on-Hudson  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco  
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York  
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