

# Galerie Bernet Bertram

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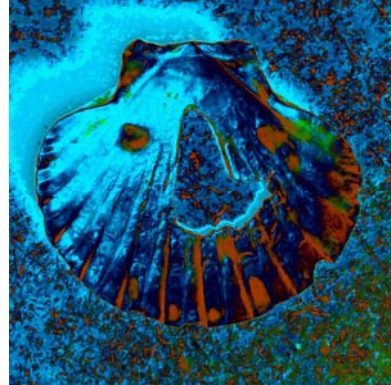
### PICO RISTO PHOTOGRAPHER

**7 September - 19 October, 2024**

**Preview: 6 September, 2024, 7 - 9 pm**  
**The artist is present**

**Goethestraße 2-3, 10623 Berlin**

**Entrance B via the courtyard**



Pico Risto, Nightwalk, 2019 (Detail)  
Courtesy: The artist and Galerie Bernet Bertram

We are pleased to inform you about our exhibition with works by the Berlin-based photo artist **Pico Risto** at Berlin Art Week 2024.

For many decades, Pico Risto has been capturing events in social and cultural life, fashion, and the arts through his photography. In his more recent works, he focuses on motifs from nature and celestial phenomena, capturing landscapes and cloud formations under special lighting conditions. Pico Risto revisits a technique he mastered during his time as a fashion photographer in the 1970s: the coloring of photographs. While he once colored details like shoes, lips, and fingernails (for which he was also commissioned by Helmut Newton), today Pico Risto transforms images of natural phenomena, flowers, and blossoms into artistic abstractions in the style of photographic painting or pictorial photography.

Tree trunks or branches become bodies, faces, or sculptures ("Scull, 2020; Winterdance, 2020; Demondefeater, 2022"). A dewdrop appears as a shimmering pearl ("Pearl, 2021"), and a frozen windowpane becomes a frozen moment ("Nightlife - On Ice, 2021"). The results often resemble graphics and paintings ("Cloud Sculpture, 2022"; "Smell of Rain, 2024"). Pico Risto favors dramatic contrasts between light and dark, working with various layers of color to emphasize particular moods, such as in a morning scene from the grand theater of nature ("Half past Five, 2024"). He also uses the surfaces of water and glass to reflect the sky and moon ("Transatlantic Flight, 2019; Las dos Lunas, 2021").

The exhibition also includes seemingly everyday scenes: street scenes, portraits, and snapshots of Berlin life, such as those of the eccentric and art collector Rolf Eden, or the artist and musician Robert Rutman, who passed away in 2021. Each of these images holds an entire world within, rounding out this exhibition with approximately 40 exhibits in various formats.

**Pico Risto**, born in 1955 in Wächtersbach (Hessen), studied photography and painting from 1972 to 1976 at the Lette Verein and the Berlin University of the Arts (now UdK). From 1979 to 1984, he lived as a freelance photographer in Paris, and also worked in Ibiza and New York. Since the late 1970s, his works have been exhibited in Spain, Paris, and Germany. His work has been published in international magazines such as the American *Vogue*, *Photomagazine*, *Zoom*, *Rock & Folk*, *Ultima Hora*, and the international daily press. Pico Risto currently lives and works in Berlin.

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**Opening hours:**

Wed - Fri 2:00 - 6:00 pm, Sat 12:00 - 4:00 pm and by appointment.

**Special opening hours for Berlin Art Week:**

Fri 2:00 - 7:00 pm, Sat 12:00 - 6:00 pm, Sun 1:00 - 5:00 pm.