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***Worship*** by Ildikó Buckley

8-23 June 2012

Private view: Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> June 6 – 8pm

Kenny Schachter / ROVE Gallery presents Ildikó Buckley



Presenting her first solo exhibition at Kenny Schachter/ROVE, Ildikó Buckley will show five photographic works that make up her new series *Worship*. Shot entirely on film, these large scale images offer a calm, unbiased glance into different religious cultures. Capturing an actual moment visually and physically the scale of the images will allow the viewer to almost inhabit the space occupied when taking the pictures.



Using only natural light each photograph shows a centred image of the various altars, or equivalent, of worship for five major religions. These include a Hindu temple, an Islamic Mosque, a Roman Catholic Church, a Buddhist Centre and a Jewish Synagogue. Each environment is devoid of human presence, instead attempting to capture the aura of the space.

The images aim to be neutral and do not attempt to comment on any of these sacred places but instead offer an insight into what is the everyday practice of another. For most viewers it will be an opportunity to gain access to otherwise clandestine spaces where our most significant life rituals are marked and celebrated for each community – births, marriages and deaths.

Buckley's practice focuses around notions of portraiture, identity and self-presentation and their relation to memory and nostalgia. This series offers portraits of a community space, aiming to capture something of the stillness of each room and the energy that it imbues; its colours, symbols, shapes, architecture, light, and artefacts.

Many of us pass these places every day without contemplating them, Buckley is fascinated by their individual beauty and how identity is informed by our culture's respective rituals and diverse experiences of worship.

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