

Alec Soth's Archived Blog

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Springtime in Paris

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I've confirmed two exhibitions in Paris next year:

I'll be showing *NIAGARA* at [Jeu de Paume](#) from April 16 to June 13.

[Cinémathèque Française](#) has commissioned ten [Magnum](#) photographers to create a project inspired by a favorite filmmaker (I chose [Wim Wenders](#)). This work will be shown at the Cinémathèque from April 11 to July 30.

7 Comments

1. Wenders! What a most excellent choice. Have you seen the recent one showing around town? What did you think? Would love to hear. And what's your most favorite Wenders of all time?

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2. When I was in highschool I was hugely influenced by Im Lauf der Zeit (Kings of the Road). I suspect I couldn't stay awake through it now, but it really was life changing for me. I was also a big fan of Paris, Texas. Those two movies are the basis for my project. But I think Wings of Desire is his masterpiece. I haven't seen the new movie. I'm out of the loop and need a babysitter badly.

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3. That's an interesting translation of Im Lauf der Zeit. Is that what it's called in English, Kings of the Road. I suppose that looks better than "In the course of Time" on an American movie poster. Road stories always do good here. Think about your first book. Is there a German translation for the title "Sleeping by the Mississippi"?

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4. There isn't a German translation of Sleeping by the Mississippi, but not a bad idea. How about 'Das Schlafen durch den Rhein.'

Comment by [Alec Soth](#) — September 6, 2006 @ [5:16 pm](#)

5. Have you seen the Wenders book , Written in the West? Photographs he made while preparing to film Paris, Texas. If not, I have a copy to lend.

Comment by [Bob](#) — September 6, 2006 @ [5:30 pm](#)

6. It has been a long time, but I have seen the book, as well as his more recent photographs. But I'm trying to avert my eyes to that material while I'm working on this project. When I'm done, I'd love to take that copy off your hands...permanently.

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7. Wim Wenders' "Once" is one of my favourite books. Beautiful photographs and superb texts.

Comment by [Raoul](#) — September 7, 2006 @ [3:59 pm](#)