

ROBERT BARTA

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concrete plates 40 x 40 x 8cm
with inlays of street marking material in the shape of footprints (142 pcs.)
size of the footprints are shoe size 32 (EU) or 20,1 cm
inside the building footprints made in kautchuk rubber



Something absent is present and at the same time an inversion takes place. Using this formula, a series of works by Robert Barta can be described. He built some time ago, a church roof top with a bell inside. To ring it though, the entire church roof had to be pushed and not the bell. He constructed a freestanding ladder, where the ladder steps would move upstairs like an escalator. With the negative form of a victory podium he positioned the winner at the bottom and the loser on the top. In all these cases, the objects are revealing their original idea and reverse into a different function.

On the site of Bezirkssportanlage Barta decided to spread footprints into the concrete walkways. They work like a sports Memorial and refer to peak performance of top athletes in the disciplines of 100 meters, long jump, high jump, hammer, discus, javelin, football and basketball. In contrast to photographic and video documentation of sporting events that are directed to the eye, the present footprints become a physically tangible challenge. For those who stand in front of the jump step of a long jumper, who jumps approximately nine meters, the distance becomes unreachable, yet almost surreal. The best sprinters run the 100-meter distance in about less than 10 seconds and need around 45 steps with 2,5 meter each. The sequence of a hammer thrower looks in concrete as the complex choreography of a dancer. Barta didn't limit himself to the realization of Records and achievements of professional athletes, but he also points out the impossible and miraculous: The selected footprints size gives the impression that children would have done those maximum performances.

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FOOTPRINTS LOGOS STEPS

1. RAL 1023 / Verkehrsgelb

Basketball_360dunk_7,5m_6steps



2. RAL 3020 / Verkehrsrot

Fussball_11m_5m_7steps



3. RAL 2009 / Verkehrsorange

Speerwurf_16,3m_14steps



4. RAL 5017 / Verkehrsblau

Weitsprung_50,2m_jump8,95m_25steps



5. RAL 5015 / Himmelblau

Hochsprung_22m_15steps



6. RAL 6024 / Verkehrsgrün

100Meter_100m_45steps



7. RAL 6028 / Kiefergrün

Diskuss_2,5m_6steps



8. RAL 8000 / Grünbraun

Kugelstossen_2,13m_5steps



9. RAL 8012 / Rotbraun

Hammerwerfen_2,13m_13steps



CONSTRUCTION PLAN 1:50

















