

JOHN BALDESSARI

ORANGE FLOOR WITH TEE SHIRTS

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In the multiple presence of the absent John Baldessari, yoga practitioners learn first hand what it means to become part of an artistic intervention. Specially designed for Y8, Baldessari's installation ORANGE FLOOR WITH TEE SHIRTS, is as subtle and meaningful, self-ironically and genuine, elaborate and reckless, as is typical for him. His work in the Y8 questions the aesthetics of the esoteric yoga scene and the authorities, be it artists' personalities or yoga gurus. John Baldessari remains omnipresent and the visitors of the yoga and art space become participants in an unwritten performance. With a gesture from the distance, in an easy and intelligent way, Baldessari left traces in the space, its practice, its rules and its everyday life.

LONG LIVE CALIFORNIA, LONG LIVE JOHN BALDESSARI!

JOHN BALDESSARI (* June 17, 1931) is an American artist and a prominent representative of contemporary concept and media art. Coming from painting, Baldessari has worked with interrelations between (mass-media-) images and language since the 1970ies. His montage of photography - he uses images from advertising, film and everyday culture - and writing undermine narrative associations and the understanding of a single valid interpretation. The complex and often humorous compositions are open to a wide range of interpretations, emphasising the relativity of meaning. They question the mechanisms of media and linguistic representation.

John Baldessari lives and works in Santa Monica, California.

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