

BARENTSBURG

Spitsbergen, Svalbard 2000-2014

10 in. x 29.5 in. Edition 10

19.6 in. x 59 cm. Edition 7

c-print

CHRISTIAN HOUGE

BACKGROUND

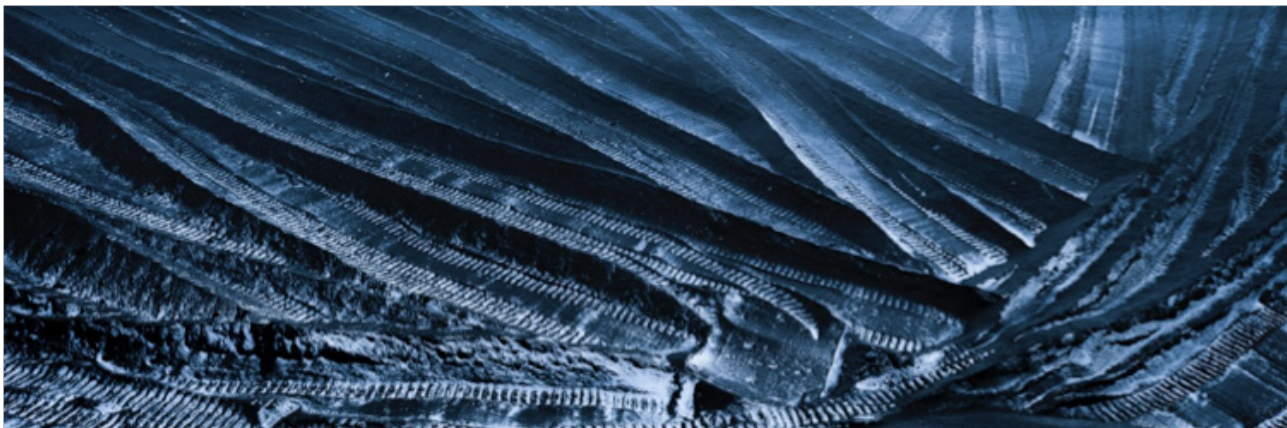
«Barentsburg» explores a Russian coal mining community located at 78 degrees North.

This small town on the island of Spitsbergen, located between Norway and the North Pole, is frozen in time, and a strong sense of the former Soviet Empire is still very much present.

The grand statue of Lenin watches over the town, while the therapy wall on main street tells its own story in a world where trees don't exist. An installation proudly displaying comrades voted worker of the year is partly engulfed by nature alongside artistic propaganda murals showing the coal miners and space exploration. The streets, saturated by coal debris, lead to numerous deposits throughout the town. The juxtaposition between the coal and the ever present snow underlines the inner/outer relationship between past and future. Lonely ghostlike figures of workers almost become one with the interiors and exteriors, reminding us of the great Soviet Empire and the decay of a lost dream.



COALTORNADO
2000



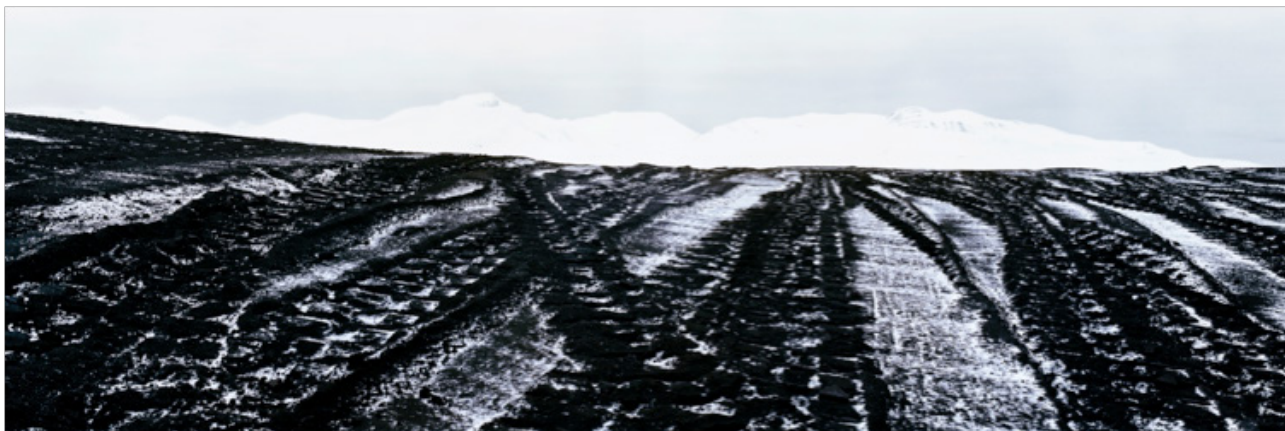
COALDEPOSIT
2000



LENIN
2002



EMBANKMENT
2014



DEPOSIT
2014



COALDUST
2002



WORKER
2003



WORKSHOP
2014



THERAPY WALL
2007



WORKER OF THE YEAR
2004



OLEG
2003



ARTIFICIAL SUN
2003



CANTINA
2004



THERAPY ROOM
2006



HOSPITAL
2004



CURTAINS
2004



SOFA
2004



PETROLPUMP IN MOONLIGHT
2007



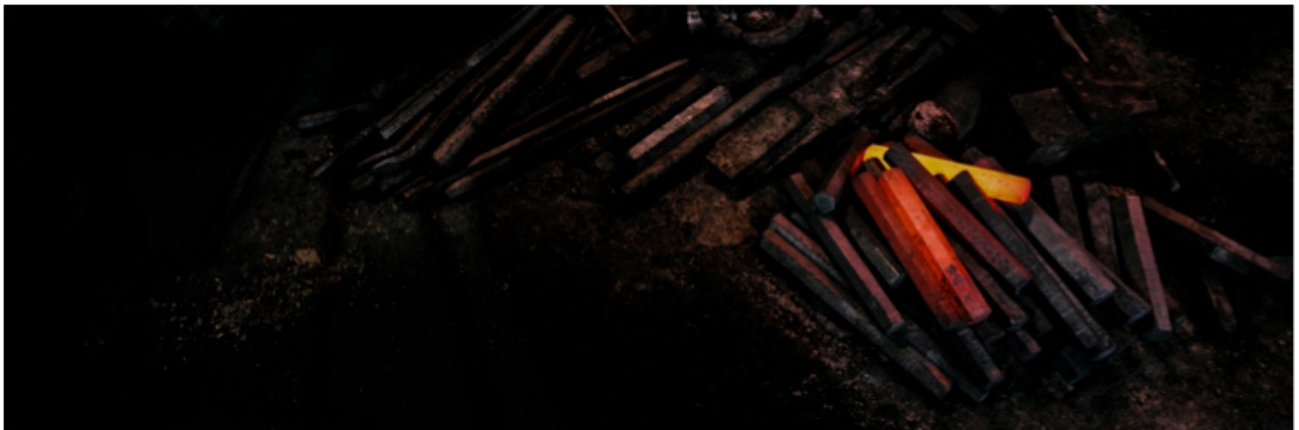
MINERS ANTENNAS
2001



PROPOGANDA MURAL
2006



WORKSHOP
2014



STEEL RODS
2014



WELDER
2009



STEEL STRUCTURE
2014



ENTRANCE

2003



WAITING ROOM

2003



ENTRANCE
2003



CARTS
2004



ABANDONED HOUSE
2014



HELIPORT
2006



PORT
2014



TRACKS
2006



CRYSTALIZED STEAM

2004



TRACKS

2014



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2002

SELECTED CV FOR **BARENTSBURG**

2009

- Arctic technology/Barentsburg Hosfelt Gallery, San. Fran, solo
- The coldest winter, Hosfelt Gallery, San. Fran, collaborative

2008

- Arctic Technology and Barentsburg Hosfelt Gallery New York, USA, solo
- Pecha Kucha/Arctic Tech. Barentsburg Oslo, public

2007

- ArtBasel/Scout Gallery,London Miami, collaberative
- PhotoLondon Fair, Zebra Gallery London, collaborative

2006

- Zebra One, London, collaborative

2005

- Scout Gallery, London, solo
- Paris Photo, Scout Gallery, London Louvre, Paris
- PhotoLondon Fair/Scout Gallery London, collaborative

2003

- Annual grants exhibition, Kunstnerenes Hus, Oslo, collaborative