



## SIEGFRIED HANSEN

b. Hamburg, Germany, 1961, lives in Hamburg

Siegfried Hansen is a street photographer based in Hamburg. His background in graphic design enables him to get maximum visual effect from his shots. 'I am looking for the little absurdities of life,' he explains. 'Normally I see the street scene as a stage, where the costumes and the stage design is ready. So I only have to wait until a protagonist crosses the scene.'

Much of Hansen's work is made in West German cities and towns that were bombed during the Second World War and subsequently rebuilt with bland concrete architecture and metal street furniture. These ostensibly staid environments are not obvious places for street photography. But Hansen has an eye for the surreal, and manages to extract delicate moments of balance and poise, enchantment and humour from even the most disciplined cityscape.

LEFT:  
Hamburg, 2008

OPPOSITE LEFT:  
Hamburg, 2006

OPPOSITE RIGHT:  
Hamburg, 2008

'To see the complexity of life on the street is for me a kind of meditation.'

