

# CORKIN GALLERY

## Grit Schwerdtfeger

*“Cheerful, melancholy and frequently laconic, Grit Schwerdtfeger balances her art on the threshold between anticipation and memory.” - Kristina Tieke*

Berlin-born artist Grit Schwerdtfeger completed her studies at the Academy of Visual Arts in Leipzig, where she currently lives. Her 2007 series, *Distanz*, invites the viewer into a visual world of casual beauty found in familiar spaces of leisure: beaches, spas, parks. Removed from place and time, the settings reflect a quiet sensitivity, captured in a modest format, central perspective, and layered symmetries. The artist maintains a controlled distance from the scene, always allowing the subdued colours of the landscape to reveal a reserved detachment. Within the serene order and harmony of the photographs, a sense of vacancy lingers. Human interaction is evident: traces of a domesticated landscape relate to the long-lasting relationship between nature and culture.

Schwerdtfeger has received numerous scholarships and awards, including a DAAD fellowship to study in Cuba, and a one-year residency at the Faculty of Fine Arts in Madrid. Her work is included in corporate and private collections in England, France, Austria, Belgium, Germany and Canada.