

# contemporary

visual arts  
architecture  
fashion  
film  
digital & media  
design  
interviews  
music  
photography  
profiles  
sport  
books  
news

special focus on northern europe  
leipzig eindhoven tilburg brussels paris st petersburg  
jim shaw mike kelley dv8 artist print by richard wentworth



08

£5.95  
€12.00  
\$10.99

Abu Dhabi AED 67.00  
Andorra EUR 12.00  
Australia AUD 22.95  
Austria EUR 12.00  
Bahamas BSD \*\*  
Barbados BBD \*\*  
Belgium EUR 12.00  
Bermuda BMD \*\*

Botswana ZAR 106.40  
Brazil BRL \*\*  
Canada CAD 17.95  
Cayman Islands USD \*\*  
Chile CLP \*\*  
Croatia HRK \*\*  
Cyprus CYP 8.00  
Denmark DKK 90.00

Dubai AED 47.00  
Egypt EGP 66.00  
Finland EUR 12.00  
France EUR 12.00  
Germany EUR 12.00  
Greece EUR 12.00  
Hong Kong HKD 75  
India INR 53600

Ireland EUR 12.00  
Italy EUR 12.00  
Jamaica JMD \*\*  
Japan JPY 2200  
Jordan JOD 13.00  
Kenya KES 106.40\*  
Korea KRW 9500  
Kuwait KWD 5.50

Lebanon LBP 19 000  
Lesotho ZAR 106.40  
Luxembourg EUR 12.00  
Mauritius MUR 271.00  
Mexico MXN 139  
Morocco MAD 169  
Mozambique MZN 106.40\*  
Namibia NAD 106.40

Netherlands EUR 12.00  
New Zealand NZD 25.95  
Nigeria NGN 2250  
Norway NOK 130.00  
Pakistan PKR \*\*  
Philippines PHP \*\*  
Poland PLN \*\*  
Portugal EUR 12.00

Oman OMR 7.00  
Qatar QAR 66.00  
Romania RON 550.000  
Saudi Arabia ZAR 68.00  
Singapore SGD 18.60  
South Africa ZAR 99.95  
Spain EUR 12.00  
Sri Lanka SLR \*\*

Sweden SEK 125.00  
Swaziland ZAR 106.40\*  
Switzerland CHF 22.50  
Taiwan TWD 480  
Tunisia TND 18000  
Turkey TRY 22.750.000  
UK GBP 5.95  
USA USD 10.99

Zambia ZAR 106.40\*  
Zimbabwe ZAR 106.40\*  
\*(excl. tax)  
\*\*(priced locally)

no 53

20



## FRANKFURT AM MAIN: NEUE BÖRSE

PETER GRANSER: SUN CITY

6 March – 30 April 2003

We are all getting old, as individuals and as nations; especially in Western Europe, Japan and North America, where the percentage of people living longer lives has risen dramatically in the last half-century. With old age have come industries that cater to the needs of the elderly and, in the United States, entire communities built to serve them. Most are located in the southwest, away from the bothers of shovelling snow, raking leaves, the hustle and bustle of the big cities, or the loneliness of the prairie.

Replete with golf courses, swimming pools, shooting ranges, and hospitals, Sun City was developed in 1960 by real-estate mogul Del Webb, and has since become a bustling community of 50,000 people. Besides having ample funds, residency requirements stipulate that the head of the household must be over 55 and that no one under the age of 18 may stay overnight on the premises. It is a perfect, contained world and an Eden for the aged.

Austrian-born photographer Peter Granser approaches his subjects with humour and a certain respectful distance. At the risk of caricature he presents the denizens of this retirement community in all their ebullience. Still, the images are fun and full of colour. Granser shares the *joie de vivre* of the retirees at their socials, dance contests and swimming



Peter Granser, Man with Bag, 2001, photograph. Courtesy: the artist

exercises. There is an atmosphere of all-but-enforced cheer in his pictures from Sun City, and a love of American kitsch, manifested by ubiquitous pink flamingos stalking a gravel lawn. Death and illness are only hinted at in a

few photographs.

The exhibition in Frankfurt took place in the Stock Exchange, and for those pensioners of Sun City who have seen their portfolios drop in recent years, there must be a bit of

irony in that. Yet for those living out their twilight years in the blinding light of the American Southwest, Sun City doesn't seem such a bad place to be.

BILL KOUWENHOVEN