

Brad Downey

Fence Hacks

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Fence Hack is a series of works for which Brad Downey removed four boards from picket fences to form a square opening, appropriating the material to frame an image documentation of this act.

If he encounters a fence, a wall, a barrier of any kind, his impulse seems to be to poke a hole in it. Then he can hang some art in the hole. But his ideas about what constitutes art are completely free, unfettered, and uncontrolled. -

Jimmie Durham

Borders have always been a way for humans to protect their property and create barriers against the unwanted. A method of marking ownership over the forces of nature, animals, and people. Yet, the borders are mastered in inventive and bold ways, to overcome forced restrictions and make one's freedom. Creating a series of photos titled Fence hacks, Brad Downey travels around the world and documents all kinds of fences. In Kyrgyzstan. In Russia. In Switzerland. And the US. Downey cuts square holes in the fences and then photo-documenting his actions. Using the sticks from the fences as frames. Leaving behind an escape route, away from private and national restrictions. A passage to freedom. Free for everyone.

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Fence Hack #2 - Zürich, Switzerland
2014
original wooden fence, photograph
43 x 43 cm
4.280 Euro

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Fence Hack #5 - Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan
2014
Wooden fence, photograph
38 x 38 cm

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Fence Hack #9 - Charleston, SC, 2021

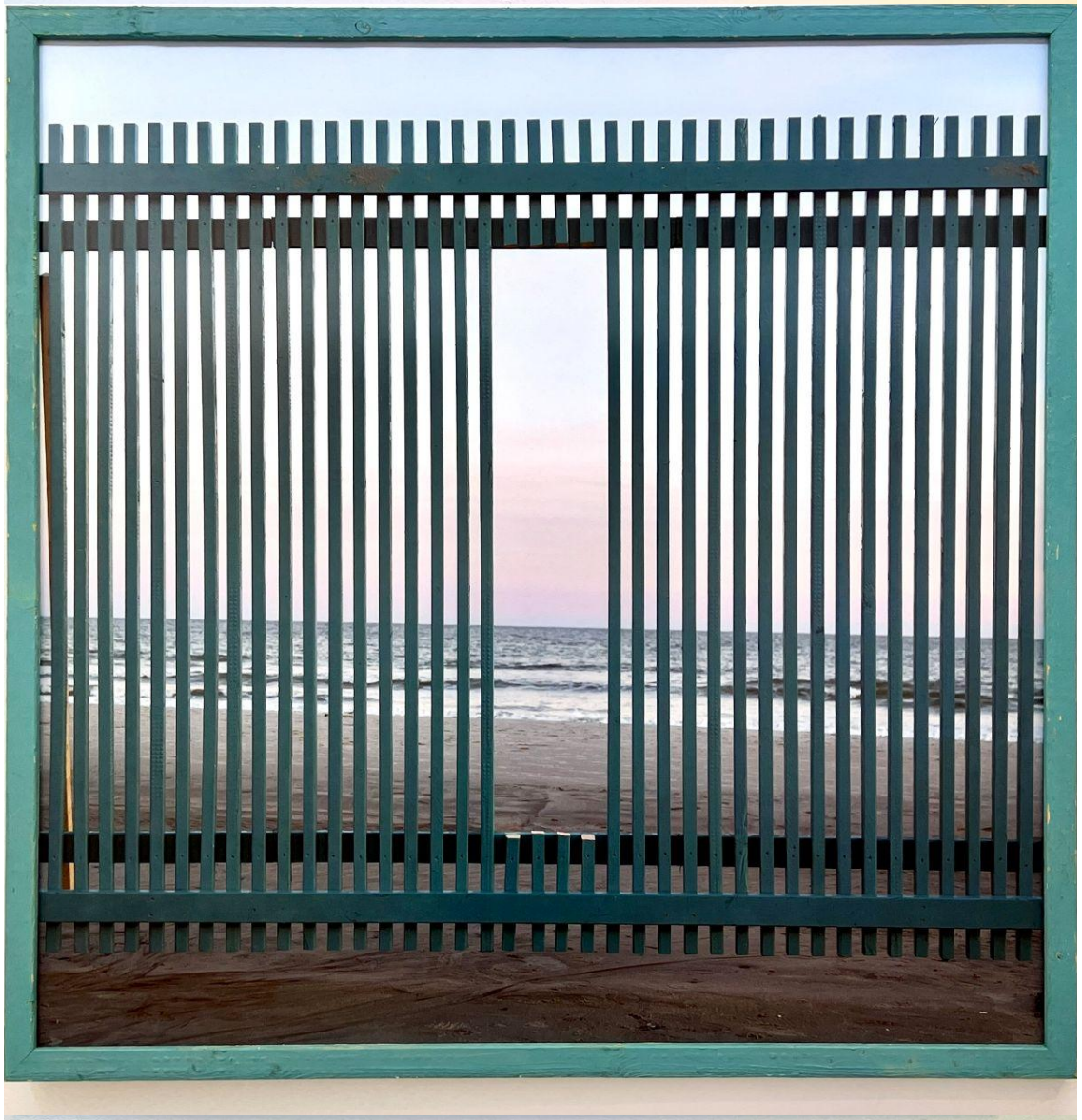
2021

original wooden fence, photograph

54.5 x 54.5 cm

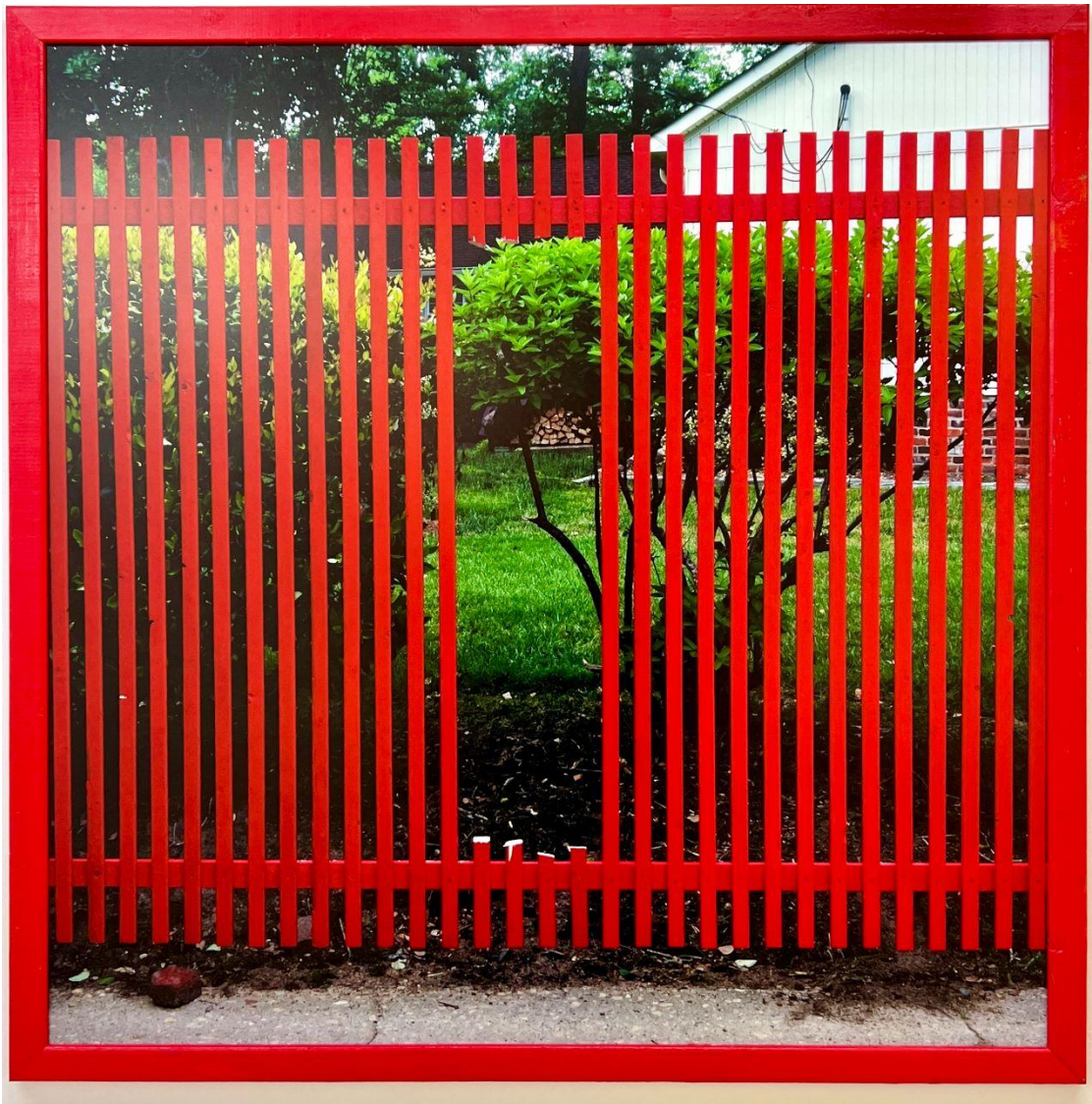
5.450 Euro

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Fence Hack #10 - Myrtle Beach, SC
2021
original wooden fence, photograph
126 x 126 cm
8.000 Euro

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Fence Hack #11 - Charlotte, NC
2021
original wooden fence, photograph
105 x 105 cm
6.800 Euro

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Fence Hack #12 - Willow Beach, AZ

2021

original wooden fence, photograph

53 x 53 cm

5.250 Euro

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Fence Hack #13 - Sofia, Bulgaria
2022
original wooden fence, photograph
55 x 55 cm
5.500 Euro

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Island, Izola

2020

digital photography, mounted on dibond

jeweils 58 x 100 cm

12.000 Euro



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