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JENNY OKUN'S ARTWORK CELEBRATES BIERBEISL IMBISS



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Chef Bernhard Mairinger has commissioned renowned Los Angeles artist, Jenny Okun, to create large-scale artworks to celebrate the opening of his new restaurant, BierBeisl Imbiss, and the renovation of historic Downtown LA. In addition to a permanent piece in the restaurant, Okun's has twenty-one 18 ft. x 9 ft. architectural photographic banners in the walkway of Spring Arcade that will be on exhibit indefinitely.

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Jenny Okun's New Work Honors the Opening of BierBeisl Imbiss

Okun has been photographically interpreting the rich architectural history of LA for decades. Of her work, Frank Gehry wrote, "Okun and I work in a similar way by intuitively animating forms and capturing movement. Okun's photographs go right to the soul of architecture, allowing us to share her vision of the creativity of the architect." Jenny Okun's artwork consists of large-scale color photographic abstractions of architectural works. Rather than produce literal representations of buildings, Okun distills the essential qualities of form, texture, color and detail. Before photographing the artist creates preliminary sketches developing a cubist interpretation of forms. With these formal juxtapositions in mind, the artist methodically photographs the building by winding the film through the camera in small increments, thus producing one long negative of overlapping images. Often these works are orchestrated into triptychs of complex interconnecting themes and variations.

About Chef Bernhard Mairinger

In 2012 at the age of 27, Chef Bernhard Mairinger brought Los Angeles its first taste of authentic Austrian cuisine with BierBeisl restaurant, his highly anticipated solo debut to LA's dining scene. The restaurant offered diners a chance to enjoy traditional Austrian cuisine with a modern twist, in a space that Los Angeles Weekly said "feels as if it could be tucked into a steep street in a mountain town in Austria, or Belgium, or Germany." Zagat Guides recognized the young chef's talents naming him to their 30Under30 list honoring the rising stars of the Los Angeles culinary scene. Rave reviews soon followed in the Los Angeles Times, LA Weekly and other publications. BierBeisl was named one of the hottest new restaurants by Gayot, Zagat, Los Angeles magazine and Angeleno Magazine.

The LA Times included BierBeisl on their 101 Best Restaurants list and LA Weekly selected BierBeisl for its 99 Essential Restaurant list. The Hollywood Reporter declared Chef Mairinger to be one of the Most Influential Chefs in Hollywood with an A-list clientele. National recognition arrived when Esquire Magazine named BierBeisl one of the Hottest New Restaurants in the U.S.

and Chef Mairinger was included on the James Beard Award shortlist. Chef Mairinger made his national television debut on The Food Network's Iron Chef America's Battle Oktoberfest battling two Iron Chefs, Michael Symon and Jeffrey Zakarian. Chef Mairinger's BierBeisl was also selected as a feature in the Beverly Hills Centennial cookbook.

2015 marks the debut of BierBeisl Imbiss – a modern casual restaurant and BierBeisl bakery – located in the historic Spring Arcade building in downtown Los Angeles (541 South Spring Street). A larger BierBeisl will open later this year on LA's Westside with a haute cuisine restaurant, patisserie, and beer garden. Chef Mairinger was trained in his native Austria and worked in various restaurants and resorts throughout Europe before coming to LA as chef de cuisine at Patina, the Michelin star restaurant, named Best Restaurant of Los Angeles in 2010 by the Los Angeles Times.

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