

HENK WILDSCHUT

Henk Wildschut: *Church (Calais)*, special edition 2017

- Inkjet print, archief papier
- 25 x 20 cm, special edition: 60, signed and numbered.
- prijs special edition: 110 euro (inc. 6 % btw, ex. Lijst)
- prijs special edition + boek *Ville de Calais*: 160 euro

For the launch of the Cityscapes Foundation we asked photographer Henk Wildschut to make a special edition of *Church (Calais)* one of the impressive photo's in his new photo-book *Ville de Calais* that will be presented in April 2017. The photo depicts a small church, erected from waste materials in the 'Jungle' the refugee camp near Calais. The 'building' is shortly after its erection already abandoned and in decay. A very strong and pervasive image, depicting the vulnerability of mankind but also the imagination of strength, endurance and hope.

Henk Wildschut (Harderwijk, 1967) studied at the Royal Academy of Art in The Hague. He exhibited his work in Amsterdam, The Hague, Sydney, Shanghai, Beijing, London, Prague, Rome. In addition to many self-initiated, long-term projects Wildschut has photographed for many Dutch magazines and agencies. He made series on dock labourers, illegal immigrants, running people, but also portrayed politicians.

Characteristic of Wildschut's work is a contemplative and often distant view on the people and situations he photographs. It lends a balance and monumental quality to his photographs that incite the viewer to further reflect on the subject. In 2005 he began his Shelter Series, that in 2010 resulted in the book *Shelter*, awarded with the Kees Scherer prize for the best Dutch photobook and the Dutch Doc 2011 Award for best documentary project.

Now Wildschut is back on the subject of immigration and refugees. In the last two years he has followed the developments of the refugee camp near Calais. This work resulted in 2016 in a large exhibition in the photography museum FOAM in Amsterdam, titled *From Jungle to City*. In April, 2017 he will publish a book about the project under the title "*Ville de Calais*"