





hans-Deter feldmann, who was born in 1941 and lives in dusseldorf, is one of the greatest and most influential artists of our time. I met hans-Deter in 1989, and we started up a correspondence first by postcard, then by fax, then email. these conversations were one of the reasons I became a curator, and he was one of the protagonists of my first exhibition, World Soup, which I curated as a student in my kitchen in Switzerland. Nans-Deter's contribution was an installation of feathers and marble eggs in the fridge... Over the years I have recorded many conversations with artists, so far 1,400 hours, and they have become a parallel activity to my curatorial projects. My conversation with him has

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never stopped, and we have worked on many exhibitions together, from a retrospective at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris to a show in a hotel room (hotel Carlton Palace 1993) to an exhibition of his work curated in artist Peter fischli's apartment to an exhibition on billboards all over Vienna (museum in progress). hans-Peter however always resisted the idea that we record our conversations, and we tried for many years to find a way we could publish our dialogues. After 19 years, we seem to have found a solution: I ask a question and hans-Deter answers with an image. On the following pages is the beginning of an interview in this new format, which has only just begun.



What is your favourite word?



What is your favourite food?

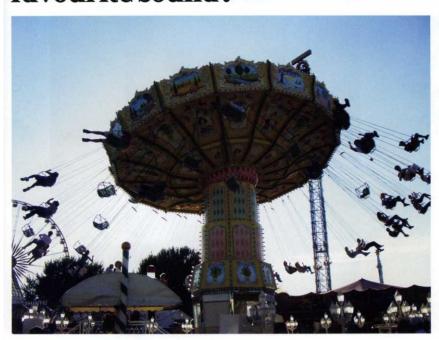




What is your favourite image?



What is your favourite sound?





What are your favourite newspapers and magazines?



What city do you like most?





What is memory visually?



What is subjective?





Is there a way to avoid banality?



Greyou fearless?

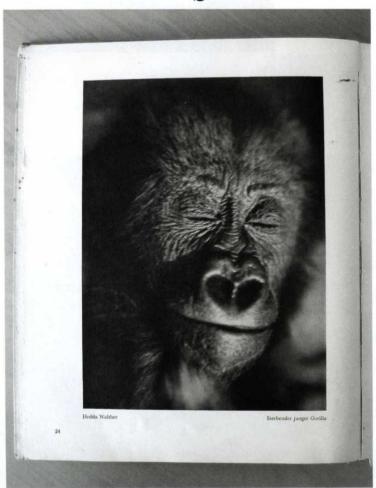




What job have you hated most?



What is your least favourite image?





Can you tell me about your unrealised projects?



What is objective?





Could you give a definition of the present?



What is the moment we are all waiting for?





do books furnish a room?



İs art making life better than art?





What irritates you more than anything in the world?

