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The Rehearsal of Space: Intriguing images of the European Space Agency



Edgar Martins, The Wapping Project Bankside

1 / 8 Large Space Simulator, ESA-ESTEC (Noordwijk, The Netherlands)



From space simulators to space gloves, The Rehearsal of Space & The Poetic Impossibility to Manage the Infinite survey, currently on show at the Wapping Project Bankside in London, offers a fascinating photographic insight into the European Space Agency. Photographer Edgar Martins spent two years putting together this collection of images of a space exploration agency - the most comprehensive ever amassed.

In 2012, Edgar Martins was granted unparalleled access to The European Space Agency (ESA) and its partners' programs, including the microgravity, telecommunication, human spaceflight, integrated biological life support system for space applications, lunar, Mars and Mercury exploration programs, amongst others.

Over the past two years, he has travelled to 20 locations across the UK, The Netherlands, France, Germany, Spain, Russia, Kazakhstan and French Guiana to shoot in classified facilities such as test centres, robotics departments, space simulators, laboratories, launch sites and platforms, astronaut training centres and satellite assembly and integration rooms.

The photographs were shot using long exposures (up to one hour) and a 10x8", large format camera. Their clean composition and hyper-real sharpness contrast greatly with the veil of secrecy and enigma that usually shrouds space-related activity. Although rarely seen by the public, the technology and facilities in The Rehearsal of Space look strangely familiar, underlining popular culture's influence in shaping our understanding of space exploration (the artist often cites fortuitous references such as Alfonso Cuarón's Gravity or Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon).

The survey is published by La Fabrica/The Moth House.

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