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Martí Gasull. Little symphony of light

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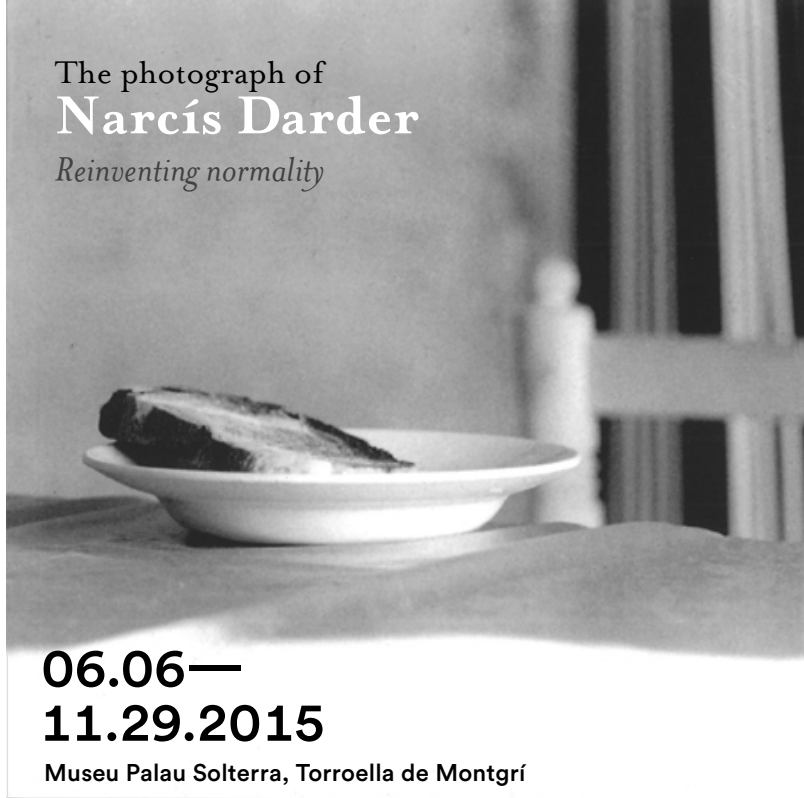


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Gasull opts for light, but also incorporates low horizons with the aim of giving drama to the scenes, as happens with the magnificent "Industrial Landscape" or has no contemplations when tearing the intersection with a diagonal in the splendid snapshot "Filtered Light", taken at the Estació de França on a remote morning in the forties. Because, after all, that's exactly what it's all about: only eternity remains intact in the lapse of an instant. The isolated silhouette of "Asphalt Watermark" remains, therefore, eternal in mystery and, if one looks twice, one will be able to find in each image the evocation of the intangible.

Photography is the art of memory. We must not forget this, because its raw material is not *only* reality. So is light and its implicit language, always different at each latitude and time. Keep it in mind, as well as the legacy of master Martí Gasull, rested in justice in the world of our creators.

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