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## Paris Photo LA 2015 : Diary of Allison Wucher

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Only in Los Angeles can one can see a major international photography fair occupying the fabricated New York streets at Paramount Studios. When walking the New York backlot after sundown, Paris Photo LA feels like a balmy mid-July New York evening – the energy is perfect: electric and eccentric.

The galleries participating in Paris Photo LA expand beyond the standard booths, which occupy the adjoining sound studios, and fill the shallow studio set reconstructions of the Manhattan storefronts.

With 80 booths from 17 countries there is an impressive array of photoworks. The fair is heavily concentrated in contemporary with only a few booths focusing on vintage works.

Highlights for me were Galerie De Roussan's booth of Juliette Mogenet's photographic constructions and the vintage works in Hamiltons Gallery. The unexpected gem of the fair was Guy Bourdin's wall of vintage Polaroids at Louise Alexander Gallery.

## FESTIVAL

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Richard Caldicott, B/W photogram and paper negative (36), Detail, 2013, Sous les Etoiles Gallery