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HOUSE PRINCIPLES

AN ORIGINAL HOUSE READING

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01 / A POINT OF VIEW

The third House principle begins with an individual point of view rather than a demographic. That ordering matters in cultural work. A project designed solely to satisfy a broad expectation risks becoming interchangeable. A specific way of seeing, however, may eventually be recognised by people who did not know they were seeking it. The individual here is not necessarily a named employee or artist. It can be the singular judgement of a work.

02 / WHY DIFFERENCE MATTERS

The House's artist-world directory gives concrete expression to difference. Gouache and graphite do not communicate like halftone print; charts and soundings do not ask the same questions as ceramic glaze. These are authored creative identities on the website, not verified biographies. Their value lies in the different visual procedures they make possible. A collection should preserve these differences instead of forcing every world into one neutral template.

A closer reading

03 / A SHARED FRAME

Individuality is not the absence of editorial structure. A publication needs a consistent signature, recognisable information and legible reading paths. The House supplies those conditions while allowing distinct topics to determine their own rhythm. A text about colour can move by contrast. A text about an archive can move by sequence. The point is to protect the specificity of the subject, not to display variety for its own sake.

04 / RESISTING THE GENERIC

The vocabulary of luxury becomes generic when it relies on a few reusable adjectives. Words such as timeless, extraordinary or exclusive cannot substitute for observation. A particular name, a site record, a visible medium or a studied line offers more to the reader. L’INCONNU can speak with greater force when the subject is concrete enough that the sentences would sound wrong under another house's logo.

Where the argument rests

05 / COMMUNITY WITHOUT DILUTION

The published principle allows that a community may grow around the House. Growth does not require the original view to dissolve. The editorial challenge is to make a distinct world accessible without flattening it. Clear explanations, readable type and accurate references make the door wider; vague prestige language merely makes the room harder to understand. Individuality and welcome are not opposites.

SOURCE PAGES

https://linconnu.co/house/principles/

https://linconnu.co/culture/house-artists/

READING NOTE

An interpretative essay grounded in L’INCONNU website source material, reviewed on 7 November 2026. Observations and readings are distinguished from documented events; authored artist worlds are not presented as verified personal biographies.

