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JINDRICH HEISLER - A Crystal in the Night Surrealist photographs  
Made Clandestinely in Nazi-Occupied Prague, 1943 / 1944

February 21 – April 4, 1998

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## CASE

### Top Shelf (left to right)

- A. Reproductions of a caricature of Heisler by Al Hirschfeld inscribed:  
"To Heisler – inventor of the nose and camera-less photographs.  
With affection HIRSCHFELD, - PARIS – 14/8/47"
- B. Deluxe copy of *l'âge du cinema*, Number 4/5, August – November 1951  
with Heisler's *Le Surmâle* (see exhibition #2 above case) reproduced  
on the cover. The deluxe copies were signed by all the collaborators,  
including Heisler, Toyen, Man Ray, André Breton, Benjamin Péret, *et. al.*
- C. Regular copy of *l'âge du cinema*
- D. Heisler's death notice dated January 4, 1953 sent "pneumatique"  
(Paris intra-city "air" mail) to André Breton.
- E. Heisler's false identity papers issued under the name "Karel Dvorák"  
by the occupying German Government in Prague and a related  
travel document (background).

### Middle Shelf (left to right)

- A. Various photographs of Heisler, including one of Karel Teige, Toyen  
and Heisler taken by Jindrich Styrsky (far left)
- B. Various official documents, including Heisler's French residency visa  
(foreground) and Czech passport and Czech artist's union card  
(background).

### Bottom Shelf (left to right)

- A. Catalogue of the exhibition *Styrsky, Toyen, Heisler* held at the  
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, 1982
- B. Catalogue of the exhibition *Czech Surrealism* held in Prague,  
Fall 1996

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**FRONT ROOM**

**East Wall**

1. *Le Surmâle* (study for Heisler's unrealized film of the novel *Le Surmâle* by Alfred Jarry)  
ca. 1950  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
5 3/8" x 7"
2. *Le Surmâle* (study for Heisler's unrealized film of the novel *Le Surmâle* by Alfred Jarry and reproduced on the cover of the special Surrealist edition (#4/5) of *l'âge du cinéma*, August – November, 1951)  
ca. 1950  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
5" x 7"

**North Wall**

3. *Le Surmâle* (inspired by the novel *Le Surmâle* by Alfred Jarry)  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated by Toyen on verso  
11" x 7 5/8"

**West Wall**

4. *Objet*  
1943  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated by Toyen on verso  
11" x 7 7/8"

Another print: *Objet*  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso  
11 1/8" x 7 3/4"

5. *Objet*  
1943  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated by Toyen on verso  
11 1/8" x 7 3/4"

Another print: *Objet*  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso  
11" x 7 3/4"

Another print: *Objet*  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated

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by Toyen on verso  
11" x 7 3/4"

6. *Objet*  
1943  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed, dated and with notations by Heisler on verso  
11 1/8" x 7 3/4"

Another print: *Objet*  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso  
11 1/8" x 7 3/4"

Another print: *Objet*  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso  
11 1/8" x 7 3/4"

7. *Objet*  
1943  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
11 1/8" x 7 3/4"

Another print: *Objet*  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso  
11 1/8" x 7 3/4"

Another print: *Objet*  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso  
11" x 7 3/4"

8. *Objet*  
1943  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated by Toyen on verso  
11" x 7 3/4"

Another print: *Objet*  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso  
11" x 7 3/4"

Another print: *Objet*  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso  
11" x 7 3/4"

9. *Objet*  
1943

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Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated by Toyen on verso  
11 1/8" x 7 3/4"

Another print: *Objet*  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso  
11 1/8" x 7 3/4"

Another print: *Objet*  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso  
11 1/8" x 7 3/4"

10. *Objet*  
1943  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed, dated and with notations by Heisler on verso  
11" x 7 3/4"

Another print: *Objet*  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso  
11" x 7 3/4"

11. *Objet*  
1943  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated by Toyen on verso  
11 1/4" x 8"

**REAR ROOM**

**West Wall**

12. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler, titled and dated by Toyen on verso  
6 7/8" x 9 1/4"

13. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler, titled and dated by Toyen on verso  
9 3/8" x 7 1/8"

14. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
9" x 11 3/4"

15. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*

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1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
4 1/8" x 7"

16. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1943  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed and dated by Heisler in white ink on recto  
6 7/8" x 9 3/4"

17. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1943  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
4 3/4" x 7 1/8"

**South Wall**

18. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler, titled and dated by Toyen on verso  
5 7/8" x 9 1/8"

Another print: *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*

1944  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
6 1/2" x 9 1/2"

19. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
5 7/8" x 9 1/8"

Another print: *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*

1944  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
5 1/2" x 9 1/2"

20. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
5 3/4" x 9 1/8"

21. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed, titled and dated by Heisler on verso  
8 7/8" x 11 5/8"

Another print: *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*

1944  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso  
7 1/8" x 9 1/4"

Another print: *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*

1944  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso

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Signature and date in green ink in an  
unidentified hand on verso  
7 1/8" x 9 3/8"

22. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed, titled and dated by Heisler on verso  
7 1/2" x 11 1/8"

**East Wall**

23. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
6" x 5 1/2"
24. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
5" x 5 1/4"
25. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
3 3/8" x 6 1/8"
26. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
3 7/8" x 5 3/8"
27. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Hand-colored vintage gelatin silver print  
5 3/4" x 4"
28. Untitled  
1943/1944  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
6 1/2" x 4 3/4"
- Another print: Untitled  
1943/1944  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
6 3/8" x 4 5/8"

**FRONT ROOM**

**East Wall**

29. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated by Toyen on verso  
6 1/2" x 9 3/8"
30. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Vintage gelatin silver print  
Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated by Toyen on verso  
6 7/8" x 9 3/8"
31. *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*  
1944  
Vintage gelatin silver print

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Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated by Toyen on verso  
7" x 9 3/8"

**32.** *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*

1944

Vintage gelatin silver print

Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated by Toyen on verso  
7" x 9 1/4"

Slight variant: *Photo-graphique du cycle "De la meme farine"*

1944

Vintage gelatin silver print

Signed "Jindrich Heisler," titled and dated  
by Toyen on verso

6 1/2" x 9 3/8"