

Sommerakademie, Zentrum Paul Klee (Bern, 3-12 Aug 09)

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The Sommerakademie is an international platform for contemporary art with theme-specific seminars, which takes place every August. It promotes artistic production and reflection, as well as increased interaction between artists and curators, inviting them for a ten-day programme to Berne to work and network with renowned personalities from the art world.

This year's academy is presented by Tirdad Zolghadr, curator for the United Arab Emirates pavilion at the Venice Biennale in 2009. The specific context of the Summer Academy is also defined by its local connections. For this reason the School of Arts Berne and University of Berne, together with the Loge in the courtyard of PROGR, are important collaborators. Twelve international fellows, together with Tirdad Zolghadr and the speakers, will analyse the internal necessities of contemporary art.

This year's theme explores the long-term consequences and impacts of fund raising, artists' academies, and museum architecture on the production and distribution of art. Our goal is to think beyond conventional exhibition practice, and facilitate feedback and dialogue between artists and curators.

Ethan Breckenridge has designed the space for the workshops in the Forum of the Zentrum Paul Klee. His construction aims to challenge the promises and possibilities that an experimental academy offers. A satellite installation at the Loge in the courtyard of PROGR encourages further involvement.

Members of the public can participate in the artistic processes in a series of events held at the Zentrum Paul Klee and the Loge at PROGR.

Further information can be found at: www.sommerakademie.zpk.org, www.progr.ch and www.stadtgalerie.ch

Concept/Curator

Tirdad Zolghadr, art critic, curator of the United Arab Emirates pavilion at this year's 53rd Venice Biennale. Lecturer at the Center for

Curatorial Studies, Bard College, New York, and curatorial expert for the Guggenheim Museum Abu Dhabi.

Fellows

Gürsoy Dogtas (Germany)
Claire Feeley (Ireland)
Linda Franke (Germany)
Agnieszka Kurant (Poland)
Bettina Malcomess (Republic of South Africa)
Mariangela Mendez Prencke (Colombia)
Uriel Orlow (Switzerland, lives in London)
Judith Raum (Germany)
Shirana Shahbazi (Iran, Germany, lives in Zurich)
Oraib Toukan (Jordan, lives in New York)
Ricardo Valentim (Portugal, lives in New York)
Erik Wenzel (USA).

Speakers

Fabienne Eggelhöfer, Curator, Zentrum Paul Klee
Dr. Bruce Hainley, art critic and Faculty Member at the Art Center College of Design, Pasadena (USA)
Marianne Keller, scientific staff, Zentrum Paul Klee
Vasif Kortun, Director, Platform Garantie, Istanbul
Suhail Malik, Lecturer, Goldsmiths College, London
Dr. Andrea Phillips, Director, "Curating Architecture", Goldsmiths College, London
Hans Rudolf Reust, Director, "Contemporary Arts", University of the Arts, Berne
Prof. Dr. Peter J. Schneemann, Professor of Contemporary Art, Institute of Art History, University of Berne
Carey Young, artist

Programme

3rd August 2009

16.00 hrs: press conference in the Forum of the Zentrum Paul Klee

4 August 2009, 18.30 hrs

Welcome and apéro

Dr. Jacqueline Burckhardt, Director, Sommerakademie, Tirdad Zolghadr, Curator, Sommerakademie and Dr. Juri Steiner, Director, Zentrum Paul Klee

Auditorium, Zentrum Paul Klee

5 August 2009, 18.30 hrs

Lecture "Serious Ladies" by Dr. Bruce Hainley
Loge, PROGR

8/9 August 2009, 10.00-17.00 hrs

Installation by Ethan Breckenridge open to the public
Forum, Zentrum Paul Klee

10 August 2009, 18.30 hrs

Lecture "Learning to Look Unlearned" by Prof. Dr. Peter J. Schneemann
Loge, PROGR

11 August 2009, 13.00-17.00 hrs

Installation by Ethan Breckenridge open to the public
Forum, Zentrum Paul Klee

11 August 2009, 18.30 hrs

Lecture "Interne Notwendigkeit" by Tirdad Zolghadr
Forum, Zentrum Paul Klee

12 August 2009, 10.00-17.00 hrs

Installation by Ethan Breckenridge open to the public
Forum, Zentrum Paul Klee

12 August 2009, 15.00 hrs

Podium discussion between curator and fellows of the Sommerakademie 2009
Forum, Zentrum Paul Klee

12 August 2009, 17.00 hrs

Closing remarks

Dr. Jacqueline Burckhardt, Director, Sommerakademie, Tirdad Zolghadr,
Curator, Sommerakademie and Dr. Juri Steiner, Director, Zentrum Paul
Klee

Auditorium, Zentrum Paul Klee

12 August 2009, 18.30 hrs

Address by Beate Engel, Director, PROGR, followed by apéro
Loge, PROGR

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