

Swab presents 5 new programs and brings together 73 galleries from 25 countries

The artists from **Maghreb**, the new **Chinese cinema**, the artists residence **Swab House** and one session of **independent curators**, are among the novelties of the International Contemporary Art Fair in Barcelona.

Barcelona, 29th September until 2nd October 2016

Swab continues to grow. The International Contemporary Art Fair of Barcelona, focused on the newest creations, gathers more galleries and presents five new programs (of 9 total ones): *Focus Magreb*, with its focus in different artistic groups from Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia; *In/Out*, a curatorial project of artists from different galleries of Barcelona; *Cross-Boundaries: Moving Images from China*, a selection of 3 emerging Chinese filmmakers who inaugurate the residence of artists, Swab House; *So Close, So Far*, a reflection of the actual geopolitical context through photographs. From 29th September until 2nd October, a total number of 73 galleries exhibit the work of hundreds of artists. In 2015 the participant galleries were 65; in 2014 the number was 59, and in 2013, 52. The art fair takes place at the Italian Pavilion of Fira Barcelona, located in front of *Font Màgica* de Montjuïc, an open space of 2500 square meters. Collectors from all around the world are visiting Swab drawn by its new edition and the parallel activities it offers such as visits to private collections, foundations and cultural institutions of the city. The countries that are represented in this edition are 25, 3 more than last year: Italy, Switzerland, Greece, India, Colombia, China, Japan, Argentina, Russia, Portugal, Mexico, Chile, United States, Austria, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Holland, England, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Denmark Korea and France.

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Swab Barcelona functions since 2006, as an initiative of the private collection Diezy7 Contemporary Art Space. This year it celebrates its 9th edition. After a decade, it is recognized as one of the most relevant international contemporary art fairs bringing together artists and galleries from all continents. With an approximate number of 18.000 visitors Swab is centered in emerging art and stands up for an affordable collectionism for all types of public.

Swab 2016 begins on Thursday 29 of September, at 6 o'clock (with invitation), and it is open for the public on Friday 30th until Sunday 2nd of October. The fair is divided in 12 programs or sections:

General Program. A number of 30 national and international galleries. This program is organized since the beginning of the art fair, 2006.

Participant Galleries: ART and ARS Gallery (Galatina), arte periferica (Lisbon), a-space gallery (Switzerland), Giovanni Bonelli Gallery (Milan), enacontemporary Art Gallery (Athens), 3 Punts Gallery (Barcelona), N2 Gallery (Barcelona), Trama Gallery (Barcelona), Victor Lope Gallery (Barcelona), 1000^a Gallery (Gurgaon), Irritum Gallery (Daegu), + Arte Contemporáneo (Bogota), Rafael Perez Hernando Gallery (Madrid), SGR Gallery (Bogota), Island 6 (Shanghai), JPS (Hong Kong), La Fiambrera (Madrid), Krokin Gallery (Moscow), Rocio Santa Cruz (Barcelona), Savina Gallery (St. Petersburg), Sun Art Gallery (Tokyo) and Trema Arte Contemporanea (Lisbon).

Independent curatorial programs

Solo Swab. Curated by Direlia Lazo and Zaida Trallero, its an established program after 3 years. It is a space of reflexion around artistic production that reflect the current artistic production in the Latin American sociopolitical context.

Participant artists: Joaquín Segura (Arena México Arte Contemporáneo, Guadalajara), Andres Vial (Die Ecke, Santiago from Chile), Hamlet Lavastida (Dot Fiftyone, Miami), Lázaro Saavedra (Georges Philippe & Natalie Vallois Gallery, Paris), Carlos Martiel (Rossmut Gallery, Rome), Alejandra Avilés (Parallel Oaxaca, Mexico) and Amor Muñoz (Scheifmühlgasse 12-14, Vienna).

In/Out. This is a new project of independent curatorship in collaboration with Banc Sabadell Foundation. The curators are Frederic Montornés and Imma Prieto. The question is: What does it mean to be inside or outside? From this dislocation 10 artists from Barcelona galleries present their work.

Participant artists: Lucía C. Pino (Ana mas Projects), Pep Vidal (ADN Gallery), Inken Reinert (Et HALL), Alicia Kopf (Joan Prats Gallery), Lúa Coderch (Àngels Barcelona Gallery), Andrea Mármol (Palma Dotze Gallery), PSJM (Trama Gallery), Adrián Balseca (Senda Gallery), Ruth Moran (Sicart Gallery) and Andrea Gómez (Me & The Curiosity).

Focus Magreb. A new program, curated by Xavier de Luca. He proposes to deepen into the understanding of realities and sociocultural dynamics, that occur in the region of Maghreb.

Collective guests: Le18 (Marrakech), Atelier de l'Observatoire (Laasilat, Casablanca), Box 24 (Algiers), Trans-Cultural Dialogues (Algiers), BAC Art Center (Sabelet Ben Ammar, Tunisia), Maison de l'Image (Tunisia), North Africa Cultural MobilityMap and JISER ReflexionsMediterrànies (Barcelona- Tunisia).

Swab On Paper. This is a classic program of the art fair. In this occasion, six individual projects demonstrate the artistic transformation in terms of the traditional uses attributed to the paper.

Participants of 6 international galleries: Moisés Perez de Albéniz Gallery (Madrid), Sicart Gallery (Vilafranca del Penedès), A Gallery Named Sue (The Hague), Addaya centre d'artcontemporani (Mallorca), Alpha Delta AD Gallery (Athens) and Edd Cross Fine Art (London)

SwabSeed. It is presented for the second continuous year, again curated by David Armengol. It is a space of visibility and debate focused on independent proposals that since they gained the power and stability of relying only on themselves, have become the most successful and dynamic contemporary art scenes of the present.

Participants: ArtsCominq (Barcelona), Bar Project (Barcelona), Deqénero ediciones (Barcelona), Espai Colona (Barcelona), Fire Place (Barcelona), Homesession (Barcelona), Passatqe Studio (Barcelona), Square Art Projects (London) and Trastero 109 (Palma de Mallorca).

So close, so far. A new program, curated by Alvaro Gurrea with the collaboration of LumixG. A project that reflects the human relationships in the eras of globalization and digital technologies through photographs.

Participants: Lola Guerrero (EstudiTiqoMiqo), Albert Gusi (Balaquer Gallery) and Clara Cortés (Mutuo Gallery).

Cross-Boundaries. Moving Images from China. A new program, curated by Susana Sanz. A selection of 3 Chinese filmmakers who are part of the emerging cinema wave of the country: Liu Hao, Ju Angi y YuDepeng. They travelled to Barcelona to present art works that reflect borders that are increasingly difficult to draw between experimental cinema and video art. This transgression of boundaries make them 'Cross-Boundaries'. The projection rooms are 3 industrial containers which will be exposed in the Plaza of the Font Magica, in front of the Italian Pavilion, the first program Swab open to the public for free.

Participants: Liu Hao, Ju Angi y u Depeng.

Swab House; opens its residence with Chinese filmmakers Liu Hao, Yu Ju Anqi and Depeng, participating at the Cross-Boundaries program, a first time performance of video art pieces. 3 Industrial containers turn into projection rooms which will be exposed in Plaza of Font Magica, in front of the Italian Pavilion.

Myfaf. In its fourth, curated by Rosa Lleó, the program consists of four contemporary art galleries with less than two years of existence that have not participated in any international art fair. They all represent artists born after 1975.

Participants; Hans & Fritz Contemporary (Barcelona), LamartOffSpace (Antwerp), L&B Contemporary Art Gallery (Barcelona) and Rodriguez Gallery (Poland).

Swab Performance. In its second edition, it has been already established as an annual program of the art fair. Curated by Carolina Díez-Cascón, with the intervention of 4 artists. Playing within the space and physical resources, bringing artistic expression, Swab Performance is the most direct action with the public. Key issues of current social contexts, as concerned in the consequences of borders, imposed limits, and the role of art and culture and the recovery of human values.

Participant artists: Aleks Slota, from Poland, lives and works in Berlin; Justyna Sheuring, from Poland, lives and works in London; Lilibeth Cuenca Rasmussen, from Manila, lives and works in Copenhagen (is also represented from the Hans & Fritz Gallery, of Barcelona); PASHIAS, from Cyprus, lives and works in Athens; and Han Bing, Jiangsu, lives and works in Beijing (Pantocrator Gallery, Both 22).

Swab also proposes a series of activities for all types of public:

- **Swab Kids.** A new program with the collaboration of Gymboree Play And Music. A space for children that allows the experimentation through several workshops that explore the visual language.
- **Swab Reading.** A space developed by **Wer-Haus** Concept Store, presents the latest trends in the world of editorials related to the emerging art and proposes activities such as book signings and others.
- **SwabThinks.** A space for talks that invites curators, gallerists, artists and other professionals in the world of contemporary art.
- Swabes is also a meeting point for gastronomy and signature cocktails lovers. **Fileteando** is again in charge of the food proposals and **Sky Bar by Metric Market** is a space, created by artists, that will arouse impressions.
- Last but not least, Swab Barcelona announces the collaboration with **Fundacions en Obert**, being possible to visit the different spaces of foundations with the same ticket of the fair and presenting a video about the project at the show.

SWAB AWARDS 2016

With the aim of encouraging the creation, Barcelona's International Contemporary Art Fair has again organized a series of awards. For this matter we count the support of institutions, private and public entities.

- **Bank Sabadell Foundation Award for the best Contemporary Art Gallery:**
An election of the best gallery and its represented artworks in Swab Barcelona awarded by Bank Sabadell Foundation.
- **MANGO Award for the Best Young Artist:** Through a specialized jury, MANGO grants and purchases a work of an emerging artist, who is represented by one of the participating galleries in Swab Barcelona.
- **DKV Award for Best Spanish Artist:** Acquisition of a work created by a Spanish artist participating in Swab Barcelona 2016, for the collection of DKV Seguros.
- **Lluís Corominas Foundation Award:** An award for the best Catalan artist, supported by Bonart cultural magazine, is about the acquisition of a work by a Catalan artist participating in Swab Barcelona 2016.
- **Grisart Photograph Award.** Is the acquisition of a photography work by a selected jury from specialized members in photography, including works presented in Swab Barcelona 2016. The selected work will be transferred to MACBA Foundation.
- **Idea Marset Art Award:** This award, is following Marset's desire to start a collection of emerging contemporary art. The award is the acquisition of a work that represents a design innovation or creativity in Swab Barcelona 2016.
- **Diezy7 Collection Drawing Award:** Created in 2008, this award, consists on the acquisition of a work for the collection Diezy7. The winning work will be selected among the creations that arise during the days of Swab art fair by a jury of curators and contemporary art critics . This award is given to emerging artists with works of art on paper or other forms of drawing.

Swab 2016, International Contemporary Art Fair of Barcelona

From 29th September until 02nd October

Opening (invitation only)Thursday 29 of September, at 6 o'clock.

General Public Entrance: Friday, 6pm-9pm; Saturday, 12pm-9pm, and Sunday 12pm- 8:30pm.

Address: Fira de Barcelona. Italian Pavilion. In front of Font Màgica of Montjuïc.

1-Day Pass: 9€ (purchase online) and 12€ (box office). 3-Day Pass: 25€.

Free Entrance for children under 12 years old.

More Information: www.swab.es // www.diezy7collection.com

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