

Fotopub festival fotografije  
v Novém mestú 31. julij  
do 5. avgust 2017



# Fotopub 2017

## 31.7.—5.8.

**Fotopub Festival is entering its fourth edition in its new form since 2014.** The festival, which is led by young artists and curators, takes place each August in the rural town of Novo mesto, Slovenia. **From 31 July to 5 August 2017**, Fotopub will organise a series of formal and informal events **presenting international artists working with the most recent emerging photographic research, music and entertainment programme, evening artist presentations, symposiums, a book fair and a portfolio review**, which will bring to Novo mesto well-known and respected artists, curators, editors, publishers and gallerists from the international art world.

**Fotopub focuses on generating links between the freshest photographic activity and its wider cultural context.** Unlike many other cultural institutions working in the field of photography, the festival's foremost intention is to work actively at the site/place **where emerging photographic practices meet unconventional curatorial gestures.** Fotopub aims to recognize the qualities of young artists and connect them with established professionals in the field of contemporary art, thus enabling future interactions and supporting the development and acceleration of their artistic careers. **The festival occupies and builds a space for emerging artists in a need of a platform for independent research, experimentation and practice**, forming a multigenerational initiative for interdisciplinary cultural integration.

**This year, ten exhibitions will be held by forty-six international artists from nineteen countries;** from Belarus, Bosna and Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Italy, Latvia, Lebanon, Palestine, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey, The Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. The exhibitions will take place exclusively **in the unconventional and/or abandoned spaces across the city centre, with site specific installations and performances** happening across the streets and fields of Novo mesto.

The festival inaugurates with *Soft Denial*, an underwater installation commissioned by Fotopub to Forlaine 6 Studio (FR/GR), located in Novo mesto's primary school swimming pool. Along with the mentioned installation, there are three group shows curated by this year's three guest curators. Rachel Dedman (UK) invited architects, painters and videomakers from the Middle-East to work with photography in order to draw a new possible visual narration of their geographic area. The performative exhibition curated by Tereza Jindrova (CZ) puts together two artistic duos, whose works deal with the most basic human feelings, such as love. *Log Pose*, an exhibition curated by Paola Paleari (IT), brings together five lens-based artists who from their own experiences use photography to explore diverse aspects of life: identity, intimacy, society, environment and language. Liga Spunde (LV), winner of the Fotopub 2016 Portfolio Prize, returns to Novo mesto with a one-piece solo show in an abandoned public toilet; an unsettling climax of domestic life and alien otherworld. The closing show of the festival sees the participation of nine international artists, each selected by a member of the

Fotopub team as an experiment, which is aimed at fostering new dialogues between different imageries and methods, between an individual and the collective. The programme is complete with a performance by the Swiss-Slovenian artistic duo Veli & Amos, public interventions by Danilo Milovanović, as well as two guest shows curated by the festival's international partner institutions; FAMU, Academy of Performing Arts in Prague, and METRONOM Gallery in Modena with Claudia Petraroli's solo show. Among this year's new initiatives is a special Fotocubs exhibition, conceived and produced by last year's Fotopub Volunteers and mentored by the Fotopub team.

During the last two days of the festival, **Portfolio Review**, one of the central events, will bring to Novo mesto **twelve well-known and respected international artists, curators, editors, publishers and gallerists**. Apart from reviewing the portfolios they will also present their practice to the public in a series of symposiums. The Fotopub 2017 Portfolio Reviewers are **Anna-Kaisa Rastenberger** (FI, Chief Curator at The Finnish Museum of Photography), **Duncan Wooldridge** (UK, photographer, curator and art critic, Photography Course Leader at Camberwell College of Arts, UAL), **Elisa Medde** (IT/NL, Managing Editor at FOAM Magazine), **Federico Clavarino** (IT/ES, artist, teacher at BlankPaper Escuela de Fotografía), **Francesca Seravalle** (IT, independent curator), **Marcella Manni** (IT, Founder and Director at Metronom Gallery), **Michal Novotný** (CZ, curator, Director at Centre for Contemporary Art FUTURA), **Penelope Umbrico** (US, artist), **Roman Uranjek** (SI, artist, Founding Member of IRWIN and NSK), **Taco Hidde Bakker** (NL, writer, researcher and lecturer), **Tim Clark** (UK, curator, Founder of 1000 Words Magazine) and **Aron Mörel** (UK, publisher, Founder and Editor at Mörel Books).

# Programme

## Monday 31.7.

- 18.00 opening performance @ Airport Novo mesto-Prečna, Prečna Street 46  
**Veli&Amos**
- 20.00 festival opening @ Grm Primary School  
**Forlane 6 Studio**
- 21.00 artist presentations @ LokalPatriot club
- 22.00 spit roast dinner @ LokalPatriot club
- 24.00 night programme @ LokalPatriot club

## Tuesday 1.8.

- 18.30 exhibition opening @ Breg 1  
**Adam Mička, Max Vajt, Minghui Zheng, Valentýna Janů, Ira Zakharova, Šimon Levitner, Johana Novotná, Oskar Helcel**  
**Guest show by FAMU Prague**
- 19.30 exhibition opening @ City Library  
**Sunoj D, Stéphanie Saadé, Ghaith Abi Ghanem and Jad Melki, Hussein Nasserredine, Daniele Genadry, Yara Saqfalhait, Isa Toledo, Aykan Safoglu**  
**Curator: Rachel Dedman**
- 21.00 artist presentations @ LokalPatriot Club
- 22.00 performance by Aykan Safoglu
- 23.30 night programme @ LokalPatriot club

## Wednesday 2.8.

- 18.30 public installations walk @ City Centre  
**Danilo Milovanović**
- 19.30 exhibition opening @ Pugljeva Street  
**Liga Spunde**  
**Fotopub Portfolio Prize Winner 2016**
- 21.00 artist presentations @ LokalPatriot club
- 22.00 night programme @ LokalPatriot club

## Thursday 3.8.

- 16.00 exhibition opening @ Rozmanova 12  
**Matic Pandel, Nik Erik Neubauer, Teja Miholič, Lucija Rosc**  
**Fotocubs mentored exhibition**
- 18.00 (exhibition opening @ Simulaker Gallery)

- 19.30 exhibition opening @ Glavni Trg 2  
**Mathias Tang, Matilde Søes Rasmussen, Bärbel Praun,  
Maya Rochat, Masha Svyatogor**  
Curator: Paola Paleari
- 21.00 artist presentations @ LokalPatriot club
- 22.00 night programme @ LokalPatriot club  
Haiku Garden (SI), Jonathan (HR)

## Friday 4.8.

- 10.00 portfolio review @ Glavni Trg 2
- 13.00 book market @ Situla
- 17.00 symposium @ Glavni Trg 2
- 18.30 exhibition opening @ Glavni Trg 2  
**Claudia Petraroli**  
Guest show by Metronom Gallery
- 19.30 exhibition opening @ Glavni Trg 28  
**Lea Collet, Marios Stamatis, Barbora Fastrová, Johana Pošová**  
Curator: Tereza Jindrová
- 21.00 evening presentations @ LokalPatriot club
- 22.00 night programme @ LokalPatriot club  
Lord Apex (UK), Neana (UK), T.D. Nasty (UK), Borka (SI),  
Felis Catus b2b KMN (SI)

## Saturday 5.8.

- 10.00 portfolio review @ Glavni Trg 2
- 10.00 book market @ Situla
- 17.00 symposium @ Glavni Trg 2
- 19.30 exhibition opening @ Glavni Trg 2  
**Giorgia Castiglioni, Eric Meier, Thomas Kuijpers, Nicolò Lucchi, Giovanni Fredi,  
Richard Janeček, Jure Goršič, Anja Jelovšek, Sam Lavigne**
- 21.00 artist presentations @ Glavni Trg 2
- 21.30 festival closing ceremony @ Pumpnca
- 22.00 Fotopuparty @ Pumpnca  
Mickey Pearce (UK), She's Drunk (FR/Berlin), Bojler DJs (SI)

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