

Subjective Maps / Disappearances

National Gallery of Iceland

May 17th – June 30th, 2013

opening Friday 17th May, 2013 at 6.00 P.M.

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Frikkirkjuvegur, 7 Reykjavík

a project by **Little Constellation - Arte Contemporanea nelle micro-aree geo-culturali e piccoli Stati d'Europa**
curated by **Halldór Björn Runólfsson, Alessandro Castiglioni, Rita Canarezza & Pier Paolo Coro**

artists: **Daniel Arellano Mesina, Eve Ariza, Sigurður Atli Sigurðsson, Katerina Attalidou, Sigtryggur Berg Sigmarsson, Justine Blau, Rita Canarezza & Pier Paolo Coro, Dustin Cauchi, Jóhan Martin Christiansen, Nina Danino, Oppy De Bernardo, Hekla Dögg Jónsdóttir, Doris Drescher, Barbara Geyer, Helena Guàrdia, Unn Joensen, Irena Lagator, Victoria Leonidou, Simon Le Ruez, Ingibjörg Magnadóttir, Mark Mangion, Lorella Mussoni & Pier Giorgio Albani, Teodora Nikcević, Minna Öberg, Bjargey Ólafsdóttir, Maria Petursdóttir, Pierre Portelli, Agnès Roux, Eric Snell, Miki Tallone, Jelena Tomašević, Pauliina Turakka Purhonen, Natalija Vujošević, Martin Walch, Trixi Weis.**

On Friday, **May 17, 2013** the network *Little Constellation-Contemporary Art in the geo-cultural micro-areas and small states of Europe* will open a new exhibition at the National Gallery of Iceland, *Subjective Maps/Disappearances*, scheduled **from May 17 to June 30, 2013**.

Little Constellation is an international network for contemporary art. It was founded for the creation and dissemination of research projects especially attentive to the present in the small states of Europe: **Andorra, Cyprus, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, San Marino**, and in some micro geo-cultural areas of the European Union including: **Ticino, Ceuta, Gibraltar, Kaliningrad, the Aland Islands, the Faroe Islands, Jersey and Guernsey**. The network is proposed as an international cognitive platform for the dissemination of information, exhibitions, meetings and residencies for artists and to encourage the creation of co-productions and collaborations for new projects with artists, associations, museums, art centres, public and private institutions and international foundations. The **37 artists** in the exhibition produced a series of artist's book and fanzine, inspired by the disappearance theme, as a condition of suspended between geopolitical reasons and a more private and existential dimension. Works have been designed with an idea of creating a narrative, both visual and textual, able to tell different identities, anthropological and cultural belonging to territories involved in the network.

An integral part of the exhibition will be the volume issued by **Mousse Publishing**, designed as an artist's book, an anthology of all the work produced for the occasion by artists.

Works will be exhibited in an installation specifically designed for the central hall of the museum by the Swiss artist **Oppy De Bernardo**, with the idea of making visible and tangible, through the use of simple construction materials, the size of the network, characteristic of *Little Constellation*. Work is presented as a display to accommodate and expose the show's fanzine *Subjective Maps* but also give the whole room a specific and recognizable visual characterization.

The exhibition, curated by **Halldór Björn Runólfsson**, director of the National Gallery of Iceland, **Alessandro Castiglioni, Rita Canarezza & Pier Paolo Coro**, curators and artists of the *Little Constellation* network, is supported by the institutions of **San Marino** and **Iceland** with the participation of the institutions of **Cyprus, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Swiss, Canton Ticino, Gibraltar, Aland Island, Faroe Island, Jersey e Guernsey**.

The exhibition forms part of the **Reykjavik Arts Festival, 2013**, Iceland's first international cultural festival.

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