

PRESS RELEASE

The Goethe-Institut brings digital media art expert to open video exhibition *Looking at the Big Sky*

Fourteen videos from the best students of contemporary art in Germany will be showcased in Manila from May 29 to July 3 under the title *Looking at the Big Sky*. The exhibition opens on **Friday, May 29 from 6:00 PM** to 9:30 PM at the gallery 1335MABINI, 1335 Mabini st., Ermita, Manila.

Opening the exhibition is none other than digital media art expert **Dr. Renate Buschmann**, director of the Inter Media Art Institute (imai) in Düsseldorf, and curator of the video exhibition.

The video exhibition has been travelling the world through the different branches of the Goethe-Institut. The Manila leg of its tour is the result of a partnership between the Goethe-Institut Philippinen and the gallery 1335MABINI. After the opening day, *Looking at the Big Sky* will continue to run until July 3 and can be viewed from 2:00 to 6:00pm, Tuesdays to Saturdays.

The title *Looking at the Big Sky* evokes a variety of different associations: vastness of thoughts, freedom, openness, and unlimited possibilities. But it also refers to video practices that transcend borders and limitations, give free reign to ideas and encourage radical perspectives. The selected works employ an astonishing variety of motifs and methodologies. Some tell fictional stories through individual assertions and performances, while others utilize pseudo-documentary formats. Reaching for the sky in so many different ways, the videos sometimes aim at an individual internal view that finds meaning in the seemingly insignificant and unspectacular, and other times seek to formulate an outlook on the immeasurable and indeterminate.

Dr. Buschmann will also hold a **free workshop** with the theme "The challenge of preserving and presenting media art" on the following day, **May 30 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm** at the same venue. All curators, art programmers, artists and museum personnel are invited to attend. Registration is on done online by sending an e-mail to info@1335mabini.com until May 24, 2015.

Photo Attached:

1. Dr. Renate Buschmann, director of the Inter Media Art Institute, Düsseldorf

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2. Exhibition Poster