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Goethe goes digital

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."

Opening the exhibit at the Goethe-Institut gallery 1335MABINI 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 on a world tour through the different branches of the Goethe-Institut. The Manila leg is the result of a partnership between the Goethe-Institut Philippinen and the gallery 1335MABINI.

"Looking at the Big Sky" evokes a variety of different associations: vastness of thought, 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 aston-

ishing 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.

The exhibit will run until July 3 and can be viewed from 2-6 pm, Tuesdays to Saturdays.

Dr. Buschmann will also hold a free workshop with the theme "The challenge of preserving and presenting media art" on 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.

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