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THE TRANSART EXPERIENCE



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PARTICIPATING ARTISTS
JEAN-MARIE CASBARIAN
HONI RYAN
ABI TARIQ
CELLA
KLAUS KNOLL
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Honi Ryan (Australia) & Abi Tariq (Pakistan)
Notes on Not-Knowing, 2014
Performance
Honi Ryan
Silent Dinner Party, 2007-2015
Performance



Honi Ryan (Australia)
mindful encounters, 2013-2014
Photos and installation



Celia (United States) & Klaus Knoll (Austria)
About Place, 2010-2015
Photos



Jean-Marie Casbarian (United States)
Overcast Blue (365 skies over Chicago), 2004-2014
350 Polaroids



José Drummond (Portugal)
Love is the Scariest Thing of All, 2014
Video, 9 minutes



Jean-Marie Casbarian (United States)
One Step Above the Grand Mesa, 2010
Video-projection, 42 minutes, no sound



Omar Shoukri (Germany)
The Water in Ourselves, 2015
Video, 18 minutes

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Utopian Tomorrow is an exhibition that moves from the experience and wealth of knowledge created and developed by Transart Institute, a utopian and nomadic project based on creative, interdisciplinary and independent education.

Though Transart is “nowhere” (outopia), it exists in the new space that is “everywhere” (the Web), promoting meetings and encounters between New York and Berlin.

The concept of Utopia as a good place (eutopia), a space for artistic and cultural harmony, a stimulus for exploration and projection, is necessary for re-thinking the ways of constructing current and future realities. The world of artistic practices and education carries within its very ontology, at the centre of its constituent form, a utopian perspective. Questioning what is possible, flights of imagination,

openness to the unknown, searching for an alternative, exploring different forms of knowledge and vision, are some of the actions and ideas that characterize the journey to supposed “new worlds “.

In the first book of *Utopia* Thomas More famously wrote: “if you had been in Utopia with me, and had seen their laws and rules, as I did, for the space of five years, in which I lived among them, and during which time I was so delighted with them that indeed I should never have left them if it had not been to make the discovery of that new world to the Europeans, you would then confess that you had never seen a people so well constituted as they.”

Beginning with the example of Trans-art, and its strong ties to the city of Berlin – project headquarters where international artists meet during the summer residency –, the exhibition

looks forward and thinks about the meaning of utopia, imagining new cross-connections, forms and methods between art and education.

The Transart community brings together artists, academics, curators and theorists in a *unicum* of artistic vocation and research, allowing them to influence each other and form a creative network where disciplines, cultures and generations intersect.

The selected works speak of – and from – different constellations and contemplations of knowledge, pushing us to imagine and perceive that other utopian space.

Through actions and installations, **HONI RYAN** investigates human communicative and relational potential beyond basic verbal tools. The exploration of alternative forms of interaction among people and the search for a space where art and life intersect, are integral elements of her work. *mindful encounters* finds the artist joining with others to create – through a process of time exchange and through a series of performances – a relational experience that is conscious and reflective. Listening to heartbeats through a stethoscope, sharing a meal in silence or strolling aimlessly through a quiet and peaceful place, are some of the actions the artist performed together with those selected for her mindful encounters.

HONI RYAN is an interdisciplinary artist based in the Blue Mountains Australia, and Berlin, Germany. Ryan's nomadic social practice draws from many disciplines: performance, sculpture, media, installation and writing. She is interested in socially engaged art for it's capacity to explore and reveal alternative models for living. Her work has intercultural concerns, and examines the contemporary body in light of digital media, a body that is both individual and collective. Ryan has exhibited and performed in 12 countries, received a BVA from Sydney University, and an MFA from the Transart Institute, New York/Berlin.

ABI TARIQ is a conceptual artist concerned with alternative modes of communication – His recent research situates his practice within the overlap between mysticism and the absurd. Through existential thought, mixed-media installations and performances he uncovers an awareness of already embedded, unconsciously assimilated understandings present in our relations. He claims organic telepathy to be a mutual understoodness nurtured over time through intimacy. Born in Karachi, Pakistan and based in Paris, France, Tariq is currently pursuing an MFA at the Transart Institute, Berlin/ New York. His consistent geographical displacement makes it imperative for him to create site/culture-specific and collaborative work.

The *Silent Dinner Party* – one of the Australian artist's most famous performances – is a dinner where the public/ guests are deprived of their words and voices, nor can they read or write or interact with technology. Those attending the dinner are invited to use other forms of communication and relating; the verbal act suspended, the imagination is soars.

Notes on Not-Knowing – a performance developed in collaboration with the artist **ABI TARIQ** – consists of an indirect dual process of communication. Sitting one in front of the other, the two artists engaged in a telepathic transmission of ideas, taking notes of each other's thoughts.

The work *About Place*, by **CELLA** and **KLAUS KNOLL**, concerns the relationship between interior and exterior space. By superimposing projected images of outdoor areas – cities and spots familiar to the artists – onto interior spaces – non-places such as restaurants or hotel rooms – the final compositions search for the (im)possible union between inside and outside, between familiar and unfamiliar, creating a landscape of disorienting reflections and shadows. The space is transformed into a huge dark room and this fusion between interior and exterior also speaks of the increasingly mobile and temporary concept of “home”.

JEAN-MARIE CASBARIAN immerses us in a utopian landscape *par excellence*: the unreachable horizon of nature. In *Overcast Blue (365 Skies over Chicago)*, the artist depicts – through Polaroid photographs – the sky above Chicago. Day after day over the course of a year, the work develops until it forms a mosaic of blues, clouds, lights and rays.

JEAN MARIE CASBARIAN was born to an Armenian father and a German mother on a military weapons testing ground in Aberdeen, Maryland. Her nomadic lifestyle has led her through various lives in the U.S. including Chicago, California, Colorado, Massachusetts and New York. Along with exhibiting her works throughout the United States, Europe, Central America and Asia, she has received a number of awards and artist residencies. As an educator, Jean-Marie currently teaches and advises graduate students at Transart Institute, a low-residency MFA program based in Berlin and New York City and is also a faculty member with the ICP-Bard MFA program and the General Studies Program at the International Center of Photography in New York City. She has taught in the film and photography departments at Hampshire College and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Jean Marie currently lives and works in New York City.

The video projection *One Step Above the Grand Mesa* presents a horizontal layering of the warm and cool colours of clouds and sunsets, of light and twilight tonalities, give way to contemplative landscapes, enveloped in a total silence that stimulates the imagination.

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