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6 December 2011 – CologneOFF 2011 Mexico III – San Luis Potosi
13-15 January 2012 – CologneOFF 2012 Belarus – Cinema Perpetuum Mobile Minsk

As a nomadic festival project running 24 months, CologneOFF 2011 is focussing on experimental aspects of the „global“ art medium “video” (experimental film and videoart) by spotlighting the diversity of artistic and curatorial contributions from many countries around the globe. Every month of 2011 is dedicated to other geographical global regions, among them , → *Africa, Northern Europe, Mediterranean, Eastern Europe, Balkan, UK-Ireland, Latin America, Germany-Austria, France-Spain-Portugal, Middle East, Far East*

This ambitious media art project is using CologneOFF VI – the 6th festival edition– as its fundament – including for the first time an international jury consisting of the curators from 7 internationally reknown festivals → Margarida Paiva (*director Oslo Screen Festival*), Gioula Papadopoulou (*curator Videoart Festival Miden Greece*), Macu Moran (*director Videoart World Barcelona*), Giorgio Fedeli (*curator VisualContainer Milan*), Jonas Nilsson/Eva Olsson (*art:screen Orebro*), Mohamed Allam (*director Medrar Video Festival Cairo /Egypt*), Tamas Gabeli (*director Budapest International Shortfilm Festival Hungary*)

as well a basic screening program to be extended and complemented by curatorial contributions of videoart, presenting and reflecting not only various views on the art medium itself, but also on the selected artists and art works intending to confront the audience with a variety of artistic and curatorial approaches. The filters of 12 additional thematic projects complement the concept of presenting diversity.

While CologneOFF 2011 is present 24 hours a day on the net from 1 January 2011 on, each month physical events are scheduled at other place around the globe in form of screenings, presentations and exhibitions to be complemented by lectures and workshops. The presentations of CologneOFF 2011 will not only demonstrate the power of the presented video works, but also the power of presenting the diversity of video as an art medium practiced as a global art language.

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CologneOFF, founded in 2006 exclusively for the net as an online film festival, developed meanwhile a strong physical component via its physical screenings, projections and exhibitions worldwide, and changed 2010 its name into Cologne International Videoart Festival. It is unique in its kind, since it is no conventional festival. It has no static festival location, but it is organised in form of a media art project, which gives its founder and director Agricola de Cologne all freedom to set through his artistic ideas of creating via global networking. In this way, this festival context is as independent as it can be.

Agricola de Cologne is also no “normal” physical, but a virtual artist, launched as an artist brand on 1 January 2000. It is worldwide the only true virtual artist and curator, whose name is, in addition, simultaneously also his artistic program and concept. Only several times a year, this unusual artist is manifesting himself in physical space. Agricola de Cologne is the creator of a global Internet based network, consisting of countless projects & platforms focussing on different forms of digital art online, and more than 2000 media artists and numerous curators, institutions and organisations around the globe. Thanks to this network, CologneOFF 2011 is able to travel during the coming months once around the globe and present videoart in a global context.

artvideoKOELN is the curatorial initiative “art & moving images” founded by Agricola de Cologne to be the holder of Cologne International Videoart Festival and responsible for the wide range of activities of CologneOFF 2011 – videoart in a global context, which again is based on a cooperation between Cologne international Videoart Festival, artvideoKOELN and Le Musee di-visioniste – the new museum of networked art.

<http://coff.newmediafest.org>

<http://videochannel.newmediafest.org>

<http://video.mediaartcologne.org>

<http://www.agricola-de-cologne.de>

<http://coff.newmediafest.org/blog/>

<http://www.le-musee-divisioniste.org>

<http://www.nmartproject.net>

<http://vad.nmartproject.net>

PDF catalogues for download

CologneOFF 2011 Baltic Sea → http://downloads.nmartproject.net/CologneOFF2011_Baltic-Sea.pdf

CologneOFF 2011 UKRAINE → http://downloads.nmartproject.net/CologneOFF2011_UKRAINE.pdf

CologneOFF 2011 ARAD → http://downloads.nmartproject.net/CologneOFF2011_ARAD.pdf

CologneOFF 2011 Timisoara → http://downloads.nmartproject.net/CologneOFF2011_Timisoara.pdf

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The programs

CologneOFF VI – Let's Celebrate! - 6th Cologne International Videoart Festival (2010)

CologneOFF VII – Art & the City – 7th Cologne International Videoart Festival (2011)

Festival competition programs selected by the international jury

Margarida Paiva, Gioula Papadopoulou, Macu Moran, Giorgio Fedeli, Jonas Nilsson/Eva Olsson, Tamas Gabeli

Curatorial contributions & features

Germany	Wilfried Agricola de Cologne, Cologne
Austria	Machfeld Art Group
Conceptual Face	Evelin Stermitz/Austria
Ukraine	Yarina Butkovska, Lviv
Belarus	Vera Antipova, Minsk
Russia	Vika Ilyushkina, St.Petersburg
Poland	Antoni Karwowski, Szczecin
Estonia	Raivo Kelomees, Tartu
Latvia	Kate Zilgalve, NOASS Riga
Finland	Pekka Ruuska, Tampere
Norway	Margarida Paiva, Oslo
Sweden	Jonas Nilsson & Eva Olsson, Orebro
Spain	Mario Gitierez Cru
Portugal	Sérgio Gomes & Pedro Almeida, Lisbon
Italy	Giorgio Fedeli, Mario Gorni Milan
Malta	Vince Briffa, La Valetta
UK	Michael Cousin, Cardiff
Croatia	Darko Fritz, Amsterdam
Slovenia	Kolektiva, Ljubljana
Albania	Adela Demetja
Romania	Calin Man, Arad
Greece	Gioula Papadopoulou, Ilidis Sotiris
Turkey	Sinasi Günes, Istandul
Armenia	Vahram Akimian, Tblissi
Iran	Alysse Stepanian, Los Angeles
Africa	Kisito Assangni, Togo
South Africa	Kai Lossgott, Capetown
Palestine	Shareef Sarhan, Gaza
Lebanon	Abdo Nawar, Beirut
Laos	Vientiane Int. Film Festival
Hongkong/China	Teresa Kwong Hongkong Arts Centre, Alvis Choi, Videotage
Malaysia	Roopesh Sitharan, Kuala Lumpur/USA
Puerto Rico	Marianne Ramirez Aponte/Heidi Figueroa-Sarriera
Argentina	Silvio de Gracia, Buenos Aires
Chile	Nicole Rademacher, Santiago

CologneOFF screening Programs

Germany - Scandinavia - Eastern Europe - UK/Ireland - Italy - Spain - Balkan - Eastern Asia - USA – Latin America.

VideoChannel – thematic programs

to be compiled individually for individual venues

Solo artist programs

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CologneOFF Manifestations 2011- 2006

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26 Jan – 6 Feb **CologneOFF 2011 Rotterdam - International Film Festival Rotterdam**
10 February - **CologneOFF 2011 Finland I – Arctic and Famous Film Festival Jyväskylä**
11 Feb - 31 March - **CologneOFF 2011 Finland II - Keuruu Art Museum**
19-21 Feb - **CologneOFF 2011 India- Carnival of e-Kreativity Sattal**
12-15 March – **CologneOFF 2011 UKRAINE I – Goethe Institute, CCA Kiev**
16-20 March - **CologneOFF 2011 UKRAINE II – City Art Gallery Kharkiv**
18 March - 1 April **CologneOFF 2011 Rennes (F) – ARTchSO Video Festival**
30 March – 2 April **CologneOFF 2011 ARAD (Ro) – Arad Art Museum**
11-17 April – **CologneOFF 2011 Timisoara (I) (Ro) – Cafekultour Festival**
4-8 May – **CologneOFF 2011 Timisoara (II) (Ro) – Timisoara Short Film Fest**
12-15 May **CologneOFF 2011 Vientiane (Laos) – 2nd Vientiane Int Film Festival**
17-24 May **CologneOFF 2011 Yerevan (Armenia) – Int Filmfestival Yerevan**
12-14 May **CologneOFF 2011 Baltic Sea I-Szczecin (Pl) – Szczecin 2016**
19-22 May **CologneOFF 2011 Baltic Sea II- St. Petersburg (Ru) – ProArte / NCCA/Smolny**
18-22 May **CologneOFF 2011 Greece I – Athens Video Art Festival**
26-27-28 May **CologneOFF 2011 Baltic Sea III- Tampere/Fi – Galleria Rajatilla, Arteles**
1-2 June – **CologneOFF 2011 Baltic Sea IV – Tallinn .- Estonian Academy of Arts**
7-9 July – **CologneOFF Greece II – Video Art Festival Miden Kalamata/Greece**
11-17 July – **CologneOFF 2011 Madrid – Projector Videoart Festival Madrid**
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CologneOFF VI – Let's Celebrate! – 5 years CologneOFF

BuSho – Budapest International Shortfilm Festival 1-5 September 2010

Simultan Festival – Timisoara/Romania – 30 Sept – 3 October 2010

Dehli International Arts Festival – New Dehli/India – 11-12 December 2010

CologneOFF V – Tabu? Tabu!

4th Medrar Video Festival Cairo – December 2010

8. International Film Festival Yerevan/Armenien 18-20 Mai 2010

Athen Video Art Festival - 7-9 Mai 2010

Oslo Screen Festival - 12-14 Marz 2010

CeC - Carnival of e-Creativity Sattal/India - 19 Februar- 21 Februar 2010

Rauland Kunstforening & Art Video Exchange Norway - 30 Dez 2009

ARNOLFINI Bristol (UK) – unCRAFTIVISM – 12 & 13 December 2009

MICROWAVE - New Media Arts Festival Hong Kong - 13 Nov - 11 Dec 2009

FONLAD - Digital Art Festival Guarda/Pt - 14 Nov'09 - 03 Jan '10

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CologneOFF IV – Here We Are!

Rauland Kunstforening & Art Video Exchange Norway 30 December 2009
Videoart Festival Maracaibo/Venezuela - 7-8Oct,5-15 Nov 2009
OK Video Festival Jakarta/Indonesia – 28 July – 9 August 2009
Image contre Nature – experimental film festival Marseille/F – 7-11 July 2009
4th MUV – Music and Digital Art Festival Florence/Italy - 9-14 June 2009
7th International Film Festival Yerevan/Armenia – 17-24 May 2009
Nuit Blanche Goethe Institute Rabat/Morocco – 2 April 2009
700IS Reindeerland Film Festival Egilstadir/Iceland – 27-29 March 2009
CeC – Carnival of e-Creativity New Dehli/Sattal India 27. Feb –1 March 2009
24 Hours of Nuremberg Film Festival 7-9 November 2008

CologneOFF – Videoart from Ukraine

VideoFormes – Int. Festival of Video & New Media Clermont Ferrand/F – 11-27 March 2009
Digital Salon@MACZUL – Museum of Cont Art Maracaibo/Ve – 2-9 Oct 2008

CologneOFF – Women Directors Cut – 13 :13 :13

Video Art Festival Miden Kalamata/Greece – July 2009
Crosstalk Video Festival Budapest/Hungary – 23-27 June 2009
VideoFormes – Int. Festival of Video & New Media Clermont Ferrand/F – 11-27 March 2009
Digital Salon@MACZUL – Museum of Cont Art Maracaibo/Ve – 2-9 Oct2008
AZA – Digital Cinema Festival Thessalonik&Gr – 21-29 September 2008

The Best of CologneOFF I - III

Optica Video Festival Gijon/ES – 7-13 November 2009
Budapest Int. Shortfilm Festival 2008 – 3-7 September 2008
Celje Video Festival (SLO) - 2-6 July 2008 –
Athens Videoart Festival 2008 – 13-15 April 2008 –
Videosalon 3 CC Andre Malraux Sarajevo (BH) – 1 -20 March 2008

CologneOFF III

Museum of Contemporary Art Maracaibo/Ve – 1-7 October 2008 –
CeC & CeC India International Center – New Dehli/India 15-17 February 2008
3rd Digital Art Festival Rosario/Ar - 15-17 Nov 2007
24 Hours of Nuremberg- Film Festival - Nuremberg/Germany 9/10 Nov 2007

CologneOFF II

Yeosu Int. Art Biennale (S.Korea) – 29 Aug – 20 Sept 2008 –
6th Digital Art Festival Maracaibo/Ve - 7-17 October 2007 –
1st Digital Art Festival Bahia Blanca/Ar - 13-15 October 2007 –
ENTER Caravansarai Istanbul/Turkey - 27 - 30 June 2007 -
CeC & CaC India International Centre New Dehli/India - 9-11 February 2007
2nd Int. Digital Art Festival Rosario/ Ar 16-18 November 2006 –
8th CHROMA – Audiovisual Festival Guadalajara/ Mx - 12-17 Nov 2006 –
PI 5 Video Festival Szczecin/PI - National Museum Szczecin - 20-22 October 2006

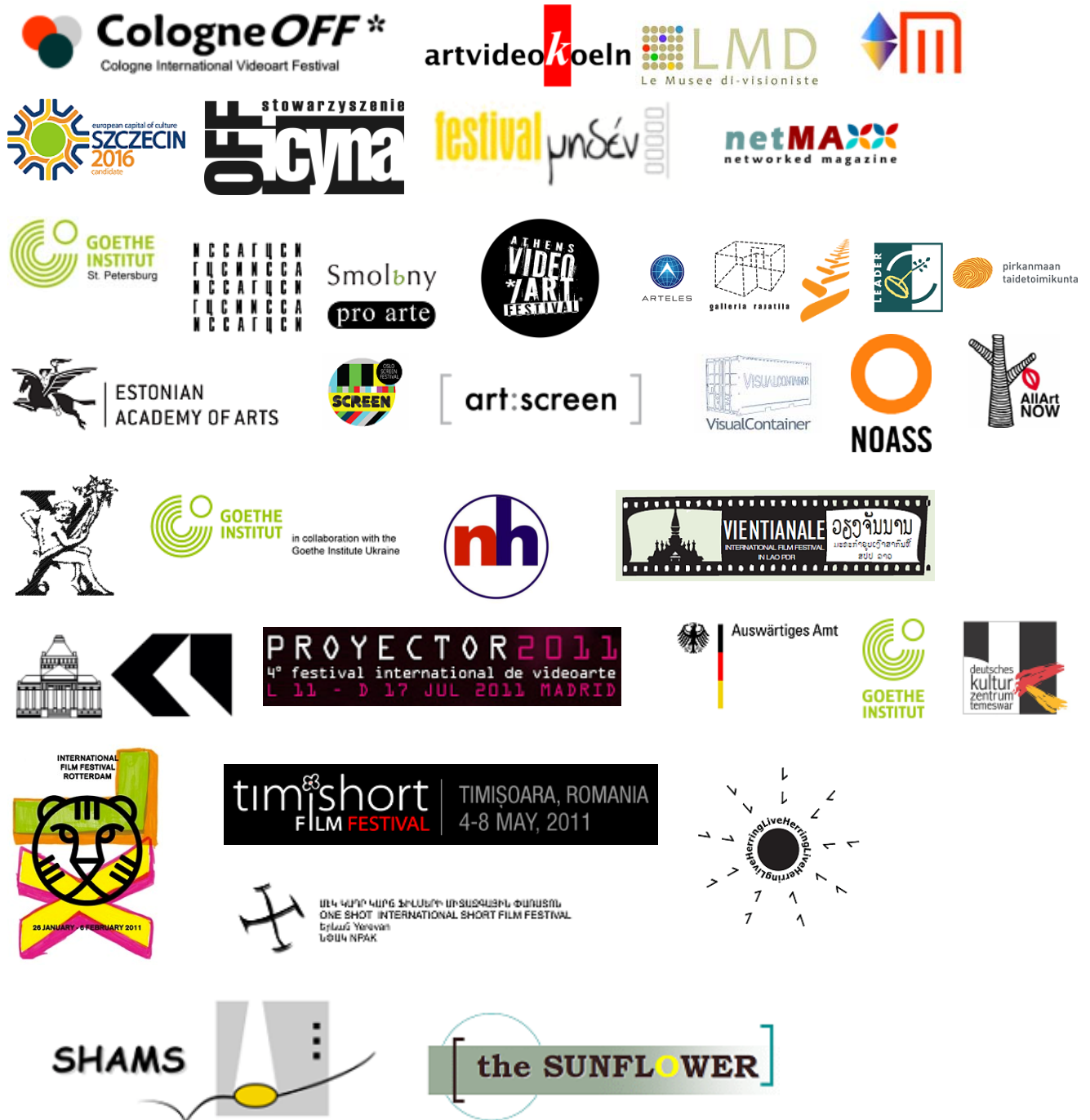
CologneOFF I

Les Inattendus Film Festival Lyon/France 25-28 January 2008 –
VIP Gallery- Belgrade/Serbia - 19 November 2007
1st Digital Art Festival Bahia Blanca/Ar - 12-13 October 2007 -
6th Digital Art Festival Maracaibo/Ve - 1-8 October 2007
Mobile Institute Brussels/Belgium - 24 August 2007 -

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ENTER Caravansarai Festival - Istanbul/Turkey - 27 - 30 June 2007 –
 Dutch Electronic Art Festival R'dam/NL - unDEAF - 10-15 April 2007
 CeC & CaC India International Centre New Dehli/India - 9-11 February 2007
 2nd Digital Art Festival Rosario/Ar - 16-18 November 2006
 PI 5 Video Festival National Museum Szczecin/ Poland - 20-22 October 2006
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Agricola de Cologne

was launched on 1 January 2000 as an artist brand, standing for the

- interdisciplinary media artist, director of experimental shortfilms and videos, curator of media art and the designer of culture
- founder & director of artvideoKOELN – the curatorial initiative „art & moving images“ (2010),
- founder & director of CologneOFF - Cologne International Videoart Festival (2006)
- founder and director of [NewMediaArtProjectNetwork]:||cologne –the

experimental platform for art and new media (2000), a global network on different virtual and physical levels

Besides for a broad bandwidth of dynamic curatorial contexts he is initiating in physical & virtual space like JavaMuseum (2001), NewMediaFest (2002), Violence Online Festival (2003), SoundLAB & VideoChannel (2004), CologneOFF (2006), netEX (2007), Agricola de Cologne is standing also for the co-curator & co-organiser of events like festivals & exhibitions of contemporary art, but also for the jury member of divers festivals.

Since its introduction in 2000, Agricola de Cologne is represented as an artist on more than 500 festivals and media art exhibitions in New York, Chicago, London, Paris, Marseille, Madrid, Barcelona, Lisbon, Oslo, Seoul, Bangkok, New Delhi, Basel, Vienna, Linz (Ars Electronica), Graz, Kiev, Riga, Moskow, St.Petersburg, Tallinn, Tokyo, Rome, Milan, Turin, Karlsruhe (ZKM), Berlin & elsewhere, but also on Biennials like ISEA Nagoya (2002), Venice Biennale 2003, Biennale of New Media Art Merida/MX 2003, Biennale of Electronic Arts Perth/Australia (2004), Biennale de Montreal (2004), Biennale of Video & New Media Santiago de Chile (2005), ISEA Singapur 2008.

His most recent media art context "CologneOFF 2011 - videoart in a global context" is travelling as a nomadic festival project during 2011 and 2012 once a round the globe.

His media art works received numerous prizes and awards.

Links

Agricola de Cologne → <http://www.agricola-de-cologne.de>

Agricola de Cologne Moving Picture Collection → <http://movingpictures.agricola-de-cologne.de>

artvideoKOELN → <http://video.mediaartcologne.org>

Cologne International Videoart Festival → <http://coff.newmediafest.org>

[NewMediaArtProjectNetwork]:||cologne → <http://www.nmartproject.net>

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