

## Press Release

### **A Virtual Memorial Vilnius 2013**

23 September - 29 October 2013

standing under the **Patronage of the European Parliament**

is the manifestation of **SFC - Shoah Film Collection** in Lithuania 2013  
hosted by Jewish Culture & Information Center Vilnius (23 Sept - 27 Oct 2013) &  
Kedainiai Regional Museum (02-29 Oct 2013)

#### **SFC - Shoah Film Collection**

is a worldwide unique media art initiative by the Cologne based internationally renown media artist and curator Wilfried Agricola de Cologne. Founded on 27 January 2010, on occasion of the 65th return of the Liberation of Auschwitz, the initiative is addressed to young generations of artists and filmmakers to deal with the topic of Shoah (Holocaust) and collective trauma caused by totalitarianism by using new technologies and contemporary approaches in order to find future oriented ways to keep vivid the memory of the collective trauma by sensitizing via art. Meanwhile the collection is consisting of 60 outstanding works of experimental and documentary artfilms and videos.

In order to present **Shoah Film Collection** to a wider audience, Agricola de Cologne created in 2012 the experimental event context - "**A Virtual Memorial - Commemorative Interventions**" - placing SFC in the context of complementary interventions, such as lectures, screenings, exhibitions, artists presentations, talks and discussions and much more, in order to activate the audience, as well.

The first pilot manifestation "**A Virtual Memorial Riga 2012**" - standing under the Patronage of the European Parliament - was a collaboration between Riga Ghetto and Latvian Holocaust Museum, Culture and Arts Project NOASS Riga and artvideoKOELN - 01 -30 June 2012.

The manifestation of Shoah Film Collection in Lithuania 2013 - can be considered as a second pilot project based on the experiences made in Latvia one year before.

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standing also in the context of **4th World Litvak Congress Vilnius** - which is taking place simultaneously - 22-25 Sept 2013 - will be inaugurated on 23 Sept 2013, 10h, the national commemoration day for the Lithuanian victims of Holocaust, consisting of a **symposium** - 23-26 September 2013, 12h-19h, on the topic: how "art and moving images transfer the memory of the collective trauma, - an **exhibition** running until 27 October 2013 featuring art works by Agricola de Cologne, Eitan Vitkon, Paolo Bonfiglio, Tammy Mike Laufer, Grace Graupe-Pillard, Shelley Jordon, Ariel Yannay Shani and Joseph Rabie - complementing the **screenings** of the 18 programs of films and videos - a visual art **performance** by Doron Polak, the internationally renown Israeli performance artist on 25 September, 14h @ Tolerance Center/Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum, and as the finalization of the meeting, the **soundart performance** by the Lithuanian Arturas Bumsteinas & Wolumen Trio @ St. Catherine's Church Vilnius on 26 September 2013, 19h. **Kedainiai Regional Museum** will be screening the complete film programs between 02 and 29 October 2013.



On 23-26 September 2013 between 14 and 19h, the daily **presentations** of the 14 attending artists - Wilfried Agricola de Cologne, Cristiano Berti, Marcantonio Lunardi, Joseph Rabie, Felice Hapetzeder, Doris Neidl, Dova Cahan, Annetta Kapon, Shelley Jordon, Jacob J.Podber, Doron Polak, Eitan Vitkon, Ariel Yannay Shani - form the basis for the talks and discussions including the audience moderated by Wilfried Agricola de Cologne.

By presenting the 18 screenings programs of CTF – Collective Trauma Film Collections in the context of “A Virtual Memorial Vilnius 2013”, **Cologne International Videoart Festival** is launching a central part of its 9<sup>th</sup> festival edition as a world premiere in Lithuania.

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CTF - Collective Trauma Film Collections

<http://ctf.engad.org>

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A Virtual Memorial - Commemorative Interventions

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A Virtual Memorial Vilnius 2013

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