



## **CologneOFF 2011 - Videoart in a global context**

Nomadic Festival Project touring once around the globe

Project duration: **1 January – 31 December 2011**

Exhibition period: 2011 and 2012

As a nomadic festival project running 12 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, Mediterrenian, 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 to be premiered in January 2011, 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 a variety of artistic and curatorial approaches. The filters of 12 additional thematic projects complement the concept of presenting diversity.

The project is presenting primarily single channel videos to be screened, projected or installed, but optionally also multi-channel works can be considered in gallery contexts.

While **CologneOFF 2011** will be present 24 hours a day on the net from 1 January 2011 on, each month physical events are scheduled at other around the globe in form of screenings, presentations and exhibitions to be complemented by lectures and workshops.

Based on exchange and networking, **CologneOFF 2011** is looking for cooperating partners all over the world, i.e. institutions, organisations, curators, artists and individuals which would like to join, host or contribute, and celebrate this way videoart in a global context while the project is running actively during 2011 and 2012.



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## About CologneOFF

Founded in 2006 in the framework of [NewMediaArtProjectNetwork]||cologne, **CologneOFF** was initiated as **Cologne Online Film Festival** – a type of event which was set up as a curatorial project exclusively for the Internet, but due to my intensive engagement a lot of institutions and festivals were showing their interest in presenting the **CologneOFF** festival programs in the framework of festivals or media art contexts in physical space, resulting extensive screening activities in cooperation and networking, which became also the fundament for organising **CologneOFF** as a festival without a static festival location. Together with VideoChannel – the mother platform for videoart - **CologneOFF** represents a very successful concept in an exchange between virtual and physical space. Both platforms are best introduced to the international art scene.

In 2010, the 6th **CologneOFF** festival edition in sequence is being prepared within the international network at different places, with a world premiere in Budapest in September 2010, including for the first time an international jury consisting of the curators from 7 internationally reknown festivals

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**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** ( *Orebro International Videoart Festival Sweden*), **Mohamed Allam** ( *director Medrar Video Festival Cairo Ägypten*), **Tamas Gabeli** ( *director Budapest International Shortfilm Festival Hungary*)

In this context, it became necessary to change the second part of the festival name into *Cologne International Videoart Festival*, taking into account the development of **CologneOFF** from an exclusive online festival to a physical festival with a strong online component.

Consequently, in 2010 the curatorial initiative **artvideoKOELN** was founded as the first physical platform based on the existing activities around „art and moving image“ in order to organise CologneOFF as a new type of festival → **CologneOFF 2011**, combining different networks on different levels, an event which is not reduced to a couple of days, but extended to the 12 months of the year 2011 at venues in and around Cologne, Germany and the rest of the world focussing on “*videoart in a global context*”.

Learn more about CologneOFF and download the PDF festival catalogues

[http://downloads.nmartproject.net/CologneOFF\\_1st\\_edition\\_2006.pdf](http://downloads.nmartproject.net/CologneOFF_1st_edition_2006.pdf)  
[http://downloads.nmartproject.net/CologneOFF\\_2nd\\_edition\\_2006.pdf](http://downloads.nmartproject.net/CologneOFF_2nd_edition_2006.pdf)  
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## CologneOFF 2011 – videoart in a global context Programs

### CologneOFF VI – Let's Celebrate!

6th Cologne International Videoart Festival

Festival competition programs selected by the international jury

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### Curatorial contributions & features

Germany	Wilfried Agricola de Cologne, Cologne
Austria	Machfeld Art Group
Conceptual Face	Evelin Stermitz/Austria
Ukraine	Yarina Butkovska, Lviv
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
Ireland	Stephanie Hough, Cork
Croatia	Darko Fritz, Amsterdam
Slovenia	Kolektiva, Ljubljana
Albania	Adela Demetja
Romania	Calin Man, Arad
Greece	Gioula Papadopoulou, Ilidis Sotiris
Turkey	Sinasi Günes, Istandul
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

curated by Wilfried Agricola de Cologne

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

### VideoChannel – thematic programs



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## CologneOFF 2011

venues 2010-2011

2010 (previews)

1-5. September Budapest International Shortfilm Festival

30 Sept – 2 October Simultan Festival Timisoara (Romania)

11-12 Dez Delhi International Arts Festival New Delhi (India)

2011 (Jan – May )

26 Jan – 6 Feb International Film Festival Rotterdam

19-21 Feb - CeC- Carnival of e-Creativity Sattal (India)

12-15 March – Goethe Institute & CCA Kiev (Ukraine)

16-20 March - City Art Gallery Kharkiv (Ukraine)

18 March – 1 April ARTCHSO Festival Rennes (F)

30 March – 2 April Art Museum Arad (Romania)

11-17 April – German Cultural Centre Timisoara (Romania)

10-12 May – Szczecin 2016 – European Capital of Culture

19-22 May – NCCA St. Petersburg (Russia)



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## *CologneOFF manifestations 2006-2010*

### **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  
Delhi International Arts Festival – New Delhi/India – 11-12 December 2010

### **CologneOFF V – Tabu? Tabu!**

4<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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  
4<sup>th</sup> MUV – Music and Digital Art Festival Florence/Italy - 9-14 June 2009  
7<sup>th</sup> 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 Delhi/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



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## **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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 -  
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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Digital Art Festival Rosario/Ar 16-18 November 2006  
PI 5 Video Festival National Museum Szczecin/ Poland - 20-22 October 2006  
8th CHROMA – Audiovisual Festival Guadalajara/Mexico - 12-17 Nov 2006



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founder and director of **CologneOFF – Cologne International Videoart Festival**, a multidisciplinary media artist, director of shortfilms, new media curator and founder & director of **[NewMediaArtProjectNetwork]:|cologne** – [www.nmartproject.net](http://www.nmartproject.net), the experimental platform for art and New Media and **VAC – Video Art Consortium** - including CologneOFF – <http://coff.newmediafest.org> VideoChannel – <http://videochannel.newmediafest.org> VIP – VideoChannel Interview Project – <http://vip.newmediafest.org> VAD – Video Art Database – <http://vad.nmartproject.net> artvideoKOELN – <http://video.mediaartcologne.org>

He is co-organiser and curator of several media festivals and exhibitions, 2003 Biennale of New Media Art Merida/Mexico, 2004 New Media Festival Bangkok/Thailand, 2005 PI Five Videofestival National Museum Szczecin/Poland, 2008 Yeonsu International Art Exhibition S.Korea, CeC – Carnival of e-Creativity New Delhi & Sattal/India 2008-2010 and many more.

As an artist, he had more than 100 solo exhibitions in cooperation with 80 museums in Europe, USA and South America, he is participating since 2000 in more than 500 media exhibitions and festivals around the globe → (Traverse Video Festival Toulouse 2007, 2008, 2009, Optica Videoartfestival Gijon/Spain 2009, 2008, 2007, 53<sup>rd</sup> Venice Biennale 2009, ISEA2008 Singapore, Madeira International Art Biennale 2008, 52th Venice Biennale 2007, Budapest International Shortfilm Festival 2010, 2007, Museum of 21th Century Art Rome/Italy 2006/2007, Moskow International Film Festival 2006, Canariasmediafest 2008, 2006 & 2002, Athens Videoart Festival 2006 -2010 Japan Media Art Festival 2006 & 2002, ZKM Karlsruhe/G 2005, Biennale of Video & New Media Santiago/Chile 2005, Biennale de Montreal 2004, Biennale of Electronic Art Perth/Australia 2004, Biennale of New Media Art Merida /Mexico 2003, Venice Biennale 2003, FILE Sao Paulo 2001-2009, FILE Rio 2006- 2009, Ars Electronica 2001-2006, Videoformes 2001-2010, Art on the Net 2001, 2002, Mediaterra Athens 2002, ISEA 2002 Nagoya/Japan, SENEFF Seoul 2004-2007 etc)

His media art works received numerous prizes and awards, details see also on:

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

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