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, 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 to be premiered in January 2011, as well as 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.
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

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

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

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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

2001-2010
10 Years [NewMediaArtProjectNetwork]:]cologne
experimental platform of art & new media from Cologne
http://www.nmartproject.net
**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)
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
Dehli International Arts Festival – New Dehli/India – 11-12 December 2010

CologneOFF V – Tabu? Tabul!
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/Pl - 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
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

Video Art Festival Meden 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 Thessaloniki/GR
BuSho - Budapest Shortfilm Festival
VideoFestival Celje (Slovenien)
Les Inattendus - Film Festival Lyon/F
Videoart on Kinoevchuk Livni/Ukraine
Chroma - Festival de Arte Audiovisual Guadalajara/Mexico

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 – 
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
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 -
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
8th CHROMA – Audiovisual Festival Guadalajara/Mexico - 12-17 Nov 2006
Wilfried Agricola de Cologne


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

http://www.agricola-de-cologne.de
http://movingpictures.agricola-de-cologne.de

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