

Voyage in Place

Panagiotis Balomenos, Philippine Hoegen, Tiina Laitanen, Hannele & Helena Romppanen, Jürg Schmoll

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Voyage in Place, an international art exhibition held at the Vienna International Apartment in Turku, Finland presents works by six artists: Panagiotis Balomenos (Greece), Philippine Hoegen (The Netherlands), Hannele and Helena Romppanen (Finland), Tiina Laitanen (Finland) and Jürg Schmoll (Switzerland). The exhibition is curated by Silvio Salgado.

Voyage in Place explores events and situations undertaken within a particular Place: the place, be it an apartment, an artist's studio, the urban environment or some other location, functions as the starting point to the artist's explorations - the voyage in place. The artists taking part in the exhibition have responded to the idea from their own perspectives and artistic practises. Jürg Schmoll presents four art books that consist of only images - it is left to the public's imagination to fill in the gaps left by the "missing words". Tiina Laitanen's paintings are suggestively playful in their own disturbing simplicity. The superposition of spaces shifting between realities opens to the viewer a new world 'through the looking glass'.

The Live-Performance titled "STUNT - 1st act: Sleeping Beauty" by the sisters Hannele and Helena Romppanen is a confrontation between fantasy and reality, the desire to communicate through unspoken images. The performance takes place during the private view on 25 May. Philippine Hoegen's video work confronts the viewer with daily life in Istanbul. Hoegen re-enacts fractions of her everyday in her newly found home Istanbul and overlaps them with the everyday life in Turku. Panagiotis Balomenos's entrancing object-installation is an open narrative, the two figures enduring in an everlasting dialogue. Voyage in Place aims to awaken in the viewer the power of the imagination.

Vienna International Apartment continues to challenge the public through the exploration and subversion of boundaries between the private and public domains. Voyage in place takes the viewer on a journey across the boundaries.

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