

Sílvio Salgado:

THIS IS NOT A FINNISH LANDSCAPE

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Vienna International Apartment (V.I.A.) opens its doors to the public in Helsinki with a site-specific installation by the artist Sílvio Salgado. The work titled *This is not a Finnish Landscape* explores new approaches to interior design and architecture as it challenges the traditional notions of art placement - the work is about place rather than placed. The contemporary art exhibition venue Vienna International Apartment was set up in Vienna, Austria in 2001. From the year 2003 to 2005, Vienna International Apartment was in residence in Turku, Finland. Since January 2006, V.I.A. has been located at Karhupuisto, Kallio, in the heart of Helsinki. Since its inauguration, V.I.A. has brought together more than 40 artists from 17 different countries.

V.I.A., a private domestic space and home to the Portuguese artist Sílvio Salgado, opens its doors to the public twice year, autumn and spring. Through art projects, V.I.A. investigates the relationship between the private and the public domain. It is the intention at V.I.A. to keep the organization as flexible as possible, allowing an open arena for discussion on issues involving contemporary art practice. V.I.A. gives possibilities for both established artists and new talents to experiment.

Vienna International Apartment (V.I.A.) avaa ovensa yleisölle Helsingissä Sílvio Salgadol tilateoksella Tämä ei ole suomalainen maisema. Teos haastaa perinteisen käsityksen taiteen sijoittelusta ja avaa uudenlaista lähestymistapaa niin sisustussuunnitteluun kuin arkkitehtuuriinkin - teosta ei ole sijoitettu tilaan, vaan tila on teoksen aiheena. Nykyaikaisen näyttelytila Vienna International Apartment on perustamisensa jälkeen saattanut yhteen yli 40 taiteilijaa 17 eri maasta. V.I.A. aloitti toimintansa vuonna 2001 Wienissä Itävallassa, josta se muutti Turkuun vuonna 2003. Vuoden 2006 alusta lähtien V.I.A. on sijainnut Helsingin sydämessä, Kallion Karhupuistossa.

V.I.A. - yksityisasunto ja portugalilaisen taiteilijan Sílvio Salgadol koti - avaa ovensa yleisölle kahdesti vuodessa, syksyisin ja keväisin. Taiteellisten projektien kautta V.I.A. nostaa esille kysymyksiä yksityisen ja julkisen tilan rooleista. V.I.A. pyrkii olemaan muun-tau-tu-miskyki-nen ja tarjoamaan avoimen areenan keskustelulle nykytaiteen käytännöistä. V.I.A. antaa sekä vakiintuneille taiteilijoille että uusille kyvyille mahdollisuuden avoimeen kokeiluun.

The Portuguese artist Sílvio Salgado was born in Mozambique in 1968. He has studied graphic design and communication at Antonio Arroyo School of Applied Arts in Lisbon, sculpture and combined media at Chelsea College of Art & Design, and fine art sculpture at Central Saint Martins School of Art & Design in London. He has worked as printmaker and Head of Photography at the art studio Apart in Lisbon. Sílvio Salgado is the founder of the Vienna International Apartment art association, and since 2001, has also performed as an independent curator. His most recent solo exhibitions include *Zeig Mir Was (Show me...)* at Thomas K. Lang Gallery - Webster University, Vienna (2004) and *Intermission: Without Sibelius - Sibelius Museum, Turku* (2005). Salgado's most recent curatorial works are *Voyage in Pace - Vienna International Apartment, Turku* (2005) and *Without Boundaries - Wäino Aaltonen Museum (international exhibition featuring 21 young artist from Finland and overseas), Turku* (2005).

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