

Information on the Exhibition

**Sílvio Salgado:**

## **Treffit**

**Installation and Performance *Almost Still Life***

**4 January - 29 February 2004**

*Private View: 11 January 2004, at 14-15 (the artist is present)*

Curated by Silvio Salgado

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The exhibition Treffit opens on Sunday 4 January 2004, at Franssintalo Culture Centre in Halikko with an art installation and performance *Almost Still Life* by Sílvio Salgado.

Through his work, Salgado challenges the boundaries between public and private spaces by placing himself on the very centre of the public and private arena. In the Franssintalo exhibition space, he has reconstructed his private art studio. During the first four Sundays of the exhibition, in January 2004, the artist can be found working within this room, assembled by him with EURO pallets. Here, the artist takes the role of the performer, and questions one's position within the broader, social, political and cultural context.

Salgado's work aims to narrow the gap between the public and the artist by bringing them into a close contact during the process of making the art work. What is important in Salgado's art installation and performance, is the process itself which is both the finished art work and its consequence. Treffit is, so to speak, a casual encounter between the artist and his public.

Sílvio Salgado is an artist and independent curator. He has studied graphics and fine arts in Lisbon and London, and also worked as a professional print maker and photographer. He has held several group and solo exhibitions, in Portugal, Great Britain, Austria and Finland, and performed as a curator in international exhibitions. Since Summer 2003, Sílvio Salgado lives and works in Turku, Finland.

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