



PRESS RELEASE

LIFE CLOCK

PREVIEW on 22. June at 17-21

PERIOD OF EXHIBITION: 23. June until 12. August 2012

During the next three weeks, Thai artist Att Poomtangon will cooperate with a shipwright in order to construct a traditional fishing boat which can be borrowed and taken on a cruise around one of Copenhagen's lakes. This takes place in connection with the summer exhibition LIFE CLOCK. With this generous gesture, Att Poomtangon adds practical usage to his work and allows his Summer Boat to chip away at the divide between art and reality. Summer Boat is one of several works of art at the LIFE CLOCK exhibition, which draws elements of real life directly into DEN FRIE Centre of contemporary art.

On Friday the 22. of June at 17.00, DEN FRIE Centre of contemporary art is proud to present LIFE CLOCK - an exhibition curated by the art group A Kassen. Every summer, DEN FRIE Centre of contemporary art invites artists to curate an exhibition with focussing on the latest tendencies in contemporary art. This year, it is A Kassen who present their view of interesting art right now. 12 foreign and national artists have been invited to partake in the exhibition.

The title of the exhibition is taken from one of the works on display, Life Clock, by French artist Bertrand Planes. The piece consist of a clock which does not record time as hours and minutes, but instead counts years and age approximated from the average lifespan of a Frenchman. The clock is adjusted in such a way that it is 54.800 slower than a normal clock and keeps time with the artists' actual age. With this simple gesture, Bertrand Planes changes our perception of time from anonymous, collective and perhaps meaningless to an image of personal vanity and a reminder of the transience of life. Torben Christensen's Happening is a photographic documentation of everyday traffic in which traffic itself becomes the involuntary choreographer and co-creator of the work. The work itself is simply a white cross of wet pain made on a busy street. Little by little, the cross dissolves and the white paint is distributed across the street by passing cars.

The artists participating in the exhibition are: Honey Biba Beckerlee (DK), Julius Von Bismarck (DE) and Julian Charriere (FR/CH), Torben Christensen (DK), Cyprien Gaillard (FR), Robin Gommel (DE), Anna Molska (PL), Simon Dybbroe Møller (DK), Bertrand Planes (FR), Att Poomtangon (TH), Wilfredo Prieto (CU), Troels Sandegaard and Ebbe Stub Wittrup (DK), From The Confectured Video Archive of Kling & Bang Galleri: Hekla Dögg Jónsdóttir, Loji Höskuldsson og Úlfur Grönvold (IS).

On opening day there will be a performance by Simon Dybbroe Møller. In connection with the opening of LIFE CLOCK, we cordially invite you to our big summer-party at DEN FRIE Centre of contemporary art. There will be food from Øbro Spisehus and beer on tap, all on Friday the 22. of June at 17-21. LIFE CLOCK will be on display until August 12. 2012.

A Kassen was formed in 2004 and consist of Søren Petersen, Morten Steen Hebsgaard, Christian Bretton-Meyer and Tommy Petersen. A Kassen is particularly interested in our connection to our surroundings. A defining characteristic of their conceptual approach is installations, photography and sculpture which are specific to their place of origin. A Kassen have participated in a wide range of exhibitions and are just now showing a solo-exhibition at Maisterravalbuena Gallery in Madrid and a shared exhibition called Secret garden at Gl. Holtegaard. Further information about A Kassen can be found at www.akassen.com

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