

Mind the Map!

group show

Barents Spektakel 2011

Kirkenes, Norway

curated and produced by Pikene på Broen

February 2-12, 2011

Opening: February 2, h. 24.00

Artists:

Morten Traavik (Norway)

Olga Kisseleva (Russia)

Stefano Cagol (Italy)

Pikene på Broen are happy to announce the attendance of Her Majesty Queen Sonja at the opening of Barents Spektakel 2011, the opening of the exhibition MIND THE MAP!

Borders around the world, at sea and on land, are challenged every day. Arctic maps revisited, new border agreements signed – to which extent do artists shape a political discourse and rhetoric? Pikene på Broen invited 3 artists to comment on these issues. Morten Traavik, Olga Kisseleva, and Stefano Cagol stayed in Kirkenes on residencies and created new artworks inspired by their experience. Kirkenes, just a few miles from the borders to Russia and Finland, has become a transborder town, a gateway to Russia, a crossroad for political decisions and a laboratory for creative solutions to economic, cultural and social challenges in the Barents region.

Stefano Cagol's project "Evoke Provoke (the border)" brings focus to historical borders and the possibility for development, using video and site-specific installations. The video is the result of a series of "actions on the border" realized in Kirkenes and in the Barents region during his permanence started in November; while the site-specific installation is composed by 16 white flags marked with terms connected with the idea of border and written in Norwegian, Saami and Russian, the three languages spoken in this trans-border area.

Olga Kisseleva shows the digital animation Conquistadors, which explores the conflicts and tensions characterizing the Arctic area.

With the installation Borderline, Morten Traavik moves the Norwegian-Russian border into the town center of Kirkenes and in parallel to the main avenue of Oslo – in collaboration with the Norwegian Border Commissariat and KORO (Public Art Norway).

Info:

<http://2011.barentsspektakel.no/>

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