

# DO YOUR ACTIONS MENTION YOUR HEART'S INTENTIONS?

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with Boaz Aharonovitch, Ilit Azoulay, Marc Bauer, Goran Galic/Gian-Reto Gredig, Haus am Gern, Susanne Hofer, Talia Keinan, Isabelle Krieg, Gisela Motta/Leandro

Lima, Cat Tuong Nguyen, Vreni Spieser, Ana Strika, Jonathan Touitou.  
Opening: 30.12. with Performance by Vreni Spieser and Martin Schick.

## CURATORIAL STATEMENT

The exhibition title «Do your actions mention, your heart's intentions?» \* is a little bit cheesy and should of course be understood with some humor. But still. This question is very precisely asking for a notion of artistic work and also leads the visitor of the show towards a non thematically reading of the exhibition but to open up towards a more holistic understanding.

As a curator I'm working very much context related. Curating is composing works of art - and establishing a dialogue between them - under the conditions of physical, mental and social space.

Bringing artists from Europe to the Middle East means a cultural shift and a re-contextualisation of their work. The exhibition also asks for new interpretations of the artworks, an enrichment for both the artist and the spectator. In this sense I understand the exhibition as an offer for a dialogue that can only be completed within the exhibition space.

\* Part of Lyrics of the song «We'll find out» by Timber Timbre

Some information about the choosen pieces (some of them will be created site specific) you find on the following pages.

Information about the artists you find on the following websites:

Boaz Aharonovitch: <http://www.boazaha.net/>

Ilit Azoulay: <http://mfa.bezalel.ac.il/year/2010/ilit-azoulay>

Marc Bauer: <http://www.marcbauer.ch/>

Goran Galic / Gian-Reto Gredig: <http://www.photographersinconflict.com/>

Haus am Gern: <http://www.hausamgern.ch/>

Susanne Hofer: <http://www.susannehofer.ch/>

Talia Keinan: <http://www.nogagallery.com/artists/talya.html>

Isabelle Krieg: <http://www.isabellekrieg.ch/>

Gisela Motta / Leandro Lima: <http://www.aagua.net/>

Cat Tuong Nguyen: <http://www.christingerdemayo.com/kuenstler/cat-tuong-nguyen.html>

Vreni Spieser: <http://www.likeyou.com/vrenispieser>

Ana Strika: <http://www.likeyou.com/anastrika>

About Substitut:

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