



STREET ART – The New Generation

10 February – 27 May 2012 Hall, Lobby, Sculpture Garden, public places in Pori

WORLD FAMOUS STREET ARTISTS IN PORI

Street art has been part of the history of art for centuries. From the very beginning, it has always been unofficial, anonymous, independent and public. The Street Art – The New Generation exhibition and urban art project showcases street artists whose work has spread around the world. Among the featured talents are top names of European street art working in Berlin, London and Paris, as well as artists from Italy, Norway, USA, Iran, Poland, Sweden and Finland. They will create works in the galleries of the Pori Art Museum as well as public outdoor spaces in Pori.

The Italian street artist **Blu** is known for large-scale wall paintings he has made across Europe, South America and the United States. Blu will paint a public piece in the centre of Pori in May 2012. In February 2012, the famous Norwegian street artist **Dolk** will create an outdoor piece at the city's Youth Workshop as well as a painting in the Hall at the Pori Art Museum. The exhibition also features the film *Living Decay*, in which Dolk and another street artist, Pøbel, create paintings on the walls of abandoned houses earmarked for demolition in the Lofoten Islands in Norway. The film was shot by the Italian director **Davide Faso**. The exhibition poster was designed by **Eyesaw**, a London-based artist known for his bus shelter advertising posters that criticise consumerism.

Invader began his conquest of the world from Paris with Space Invaders figures; his contribution to the show in Pori consists of mosaics and portraits made of Rubik's cubes. The invader figures are from a 1970s pre-pixel and pre-digital video game called Space Invaders. Bringing the aliens from the game alive on the walls of cities as mosaics, Invader has conquered already more than 40 cities all over the world. Also featured in the show is **Magda Sayeg**, who founded the **Knitta, Please** knit graffiti group in the USA in 2005. The group began wrapping public architecture and street furniture such as lamps or parking meters with knitted and crocheted material. Taitelija toimii eräänlaisena ekologisena aktivistina tapetoimalla julkisessa tilassa olevia roskalaatikoita. **C. Finley** is known for her *Wallpapered Dumpsters* project, which she has realized in the United States and Europe. She transforms dustbins into unexpected beauty and with this activism criticizes consumer culture and promote recycling of waste.

The Polish street artist **M-City** has created both indoor and outdoor works across the world. He will paint a public work in Pori in May 2012. The German group **Mentalgassi** cooperated with Amnesty International in London in autumn 2011, and in Pori they will create both an indoor and an outdoor piece in cooperation with Amnesty Finland. The London-based **Toasters** group, known for their flying toasters, will create a piece on the windows of the museum. Their film *Everywhere* will be premiered at the opening of the exhibition. The artist **Slinkachu** whose works feature miniature figurines involved in all kinds of situations in the streets, will present photographs and light box pieces. The Iranian brothers **Icy & Sot** will present a video work, *Pavement*, shot on streets in Iran.

Finnish street artists featured in the show are **Bujahuli, Egs, Frank, Jussi TwoSeven, LA-Tino, P.A.Roni, Otto Maja**, the Finland-Swedish artist **Anton Wiraeus**, and **Lapro and Xeugux** from the group **Multicoloured Dreams**. Multicoloured Dreams is a street art collective formed by eight artists and art educators. The purpose of their street art happenings is to enliven the urban environment with legal street art and to provide opportunities for people to change their own living environment. The Finnish artists will create works both indoors and outdoors. The façade of the museum will be painted in March 2012.

Artists:

BLU, BUJAHULI, C.FINLEY, DOLK, EGS, EYESAW, FRANK, ICY & SOT, INVADER, JUSSI TWOSEVEN, LA-TINO & P.A.RONI, MAGDA SAYEG - KNITTA, PLEASE, LAPRO & XEUGUX (MULTICOLOURED DREAMS), M-CITY, MENTALGASSI, OTTO MAJA, TOASTERS, SLINKACHU, ANTON WIRAEUS.

Media conference	9 February 2012 from 11.00-13.00	Open preview on 10 February 2012 at 12.00
Opening	10 February 2012 at 18.00	Dj Holik (Salaneuvosto)
Opening club	10 February 2012 at 20.00	Saikku (Antinkatu 7, Pori, tickets at the door)

In co-operation with

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