

Press release **11.09.2018****NASAN TUR: AGONY****28 September 2018 – 24 February 2019****Pori Art Museum****Curator: Anni Venäläinen**

Nasan Tur (b. 1974, Offenbach) works in an intermediate area between the public and the gallery space, drawing his material from messages and tensions he finds in the urban environment. His works comment on the conflicts and failures of ideologies either directly or indirectly. While suggesting that we must rise against repression and to struggle for fundamental democratic rights, such as freedom of the speech, he also admits the risk that resistance can turn into violence, which expands the scope of his work to cover also the ethic dimension of both individuals and community action. The overarching theme of the exhibition therefore embraces all social struggle and the question of its justification. Nevertheless, Tur also examines the individual's experience: personal risk taking and opening oneself to ridicule. Yet the boldness to put oneself at risk, the ability to laugh at oneself, the tenacity to try again and again, and the ability to endure failure, these are all necessary if we want to defend important values in the society.

A key medium of Tur's art is his own body, which he sometimes pushes to extremes, such as when he tries to break different world records or when making performative works in public spaces. In spite of their political and social tenor, his works are often humorous, astounding and sometimes shocking. Tur examines people's activities and politics in an occasionally bemused and sometimes sorrowful way. He uses any media that suits his theme. His first exhibition in Finland, the exhibition presents sculptures, photographs, videos and installations. Some of the new works are on show to the public for the first time. Nasan Tur lives and works in Berlin.

We are delighted to invite you to following events:**Media Preview**

On Thursday 27 September at 11.00 – 12.00 we will arrange a media preview to the exhibition in the presence of the artist Nasan Tur and curator of the exhibition Anni Venäläinen.

Artist and curator tour

On Friday 28 starting at 12 we will host an artist and curator tour to the exhibition. Open for general public.

Opening

Nasan Tur: Agony exhibition opening in on Friday 28 September at 18.00 – 20.00.

The exhibition will be opened by Jaana Simula, Head of the Cultural Unit, City of Pori

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