Never Take a Vacation with an Artist Who Collects the Same Stuff You Do

August 14–October 12, 2018

The International Studio & Curatorial Program announces Never Take a Vacation with an Artist Who Collects the Same Stuff You Do, is group exhibition featuring the work of the nine artists in residence in ISCP’s Ground Floor Program.

The presentation focuses on vacation and leisure time, a premise that the artists developed in collaboration. Works include Martha Skou’s audio-visual interpretation of a recent summer road trip, where she entered a community as a foreigner and left as a member; Simone Couto’s cross-stitch of a surveillance sign which reminds the viewer that privacy is a rare and precious commodity even while on vacation; and Danilo Correale’s 1001 Ways to Live Without Working (after Tuli Kupferberg), a performance activated by a screensaver, which liberates the ISCP front desk staff from working for a period of time. Set to open during the leisurely days of summer, this exhibition aims to lull the viewer into a state of relaxation.

Artists in the exhibition: Elaine Byrne, Danilo Correale, Simone Couto, Alexis Dahan, Furen Dai, Jude Griebel, Joshua Liebowitz, Martha Skou, and Raul Valverde.

These artists in residence are all part of a two-year program that offers subsidized workspace and professional development for New York City-based artists. Launched in 2015, Ground Floor at ISCP takes place on the first floor of ISCP in tandem with ISCP’s acclaimed international residency program, forming an integral part of the dynamic, in-house fusion of artists and curators from all over the world.

Public programs:
August 14, 6–8pm: Opening reception with a performance by Martha Skou at 7pm, in the Project Space
August 21, 7pm: Outdoor screening on ISCP’s loading dock of Slacker, 1990, introduced by Jude Griebel
August 28, 7pm: Outdoor screening on ISCP’s loading dock of Smiles of a Summer Night, 1955, introduced by Alexis Dahan

About the artists:

Elaine Byrne (born Ireland) examines overlooked histories, historical texts and artworks as a platform to mobilize history relating to current political and social concerns. She has had several solo shows including La Diritta Via, Montoro12 Gallery, Rome and Ruam, Kevin Kavanagh Gallery, Dublin. Group shows include The Ocean After Nature, The Hugh Lane Municipal Gallery, Dublin and Omega Workshop, Elizabeth Foundation, New York. She has won several prizes including the 8th Arte Laguna Prize and she is represented by the Kevin Kavanagh Gallery in Dublin.

Danilo Correale (born Naples) is an artist and researcher who analyzes aspects of human life, such as labor-leisure and sleep. His work has been presented in group exhibitions including the Istanbul Design Biennial, Riga Biennial and Somatechnic, Museion, Bolzano. Recent solo shows include At Work’s End, Art in General, New York; Tales of Exhaustion, La Loge, Brussels; and The Missing Hour. Rhythms and Algorithms, Raucci/Santamaria, Naples.

Simone Couto (born Brazil) is an interdisciplinary artist. Her private and collective practices explore the relationship between place and identity both in natural and urban settings. Solo and group exhibitions...
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This exhibition is coordinated by Alexandra Friedman, Program Coordinator, ISCP.

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