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Press Release ZERO YEARS



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A decade of Slovak art

Zero Years

7th December 2013 – 31st January 2014

Opening Night: 6th December at 7pm

Invitation to Press Conference on 5th December 2013 at 11am

Bratislava is soon to have its first non-profit, contemporary art institution - Kunsthalle Bratislava.

Once established, this project will situate Slovakia's contemporary art scene within an international context of intensive, continuous exchange.

On this occasion, we have invited the initiators of Kunsthalle Bratislava and *Zero Years* to Berlin. The four curators of the exhibition (Juraj Čarný, Gabriela Garlatyová, Richard Gregor and Mira Sikorová) have held substantial involvement in the development of contemporary art in Slovakia over the past decade.

From the 7th December 2013 until the 31st January 2014, Freies Museum Berlin provides an insight into the creative oeuvre of Slovak artists and the period in which they were first able to express themselves freely. The exhibition identifies individual works and artists of Slovakia, who shaped the character and development of contemporary art in the last decade within their native country.

Rather than assembling the most relevant or famous works of art, *Zero Years* presents the artwork that defined the place of each artist within the Slovak art scene and which at the same time influenced the creativity and production of their colleagues.

We warmly invite you to our Press Conference on the 5th December 2013, at 11am in Freies Museum Berlin for a preview of the exhibition followed by a discussion with the artists and curators of this project. We thank you in advance for your interest and participation. For further information do not hesitate to contact us.

Freies Museum Berlin

Curated by:

Juraj Čarný, Gabika Garlatyová, Miroslava Sikorová und Richard Gregor

Participating artists: *Štefan Balázs, Erik Binder, Ladislav Čarný, Anetta Mona Chişa & Lucia Tkáčová, Mario Chromý & Mark Ther, Pavlína Fichta Čierna, Anton Čierny, Anna Daučíková, Lucia Daučíková, Richard Fajnor, Stano Filko, Eva Filová, Viktor Frešo, Mira Gáberová, Peter Janáčík, Peter Kalmus, Kassaboys, Július Koller & Květa Fulierová, Marek Kvetan, Jaroslav Kyša, Matúš Lányi, Otis Laubert, Stano Masár, Michal Murin, Miroslav Nicz, Lucia Nimcová & Matin Kollar, Roman Ondák, Ignor Ondruš, Peter Rónai, Veronika Ronaiová, Dorota Sadovská, Rudolf Sikora, Erik Šille, Veronika Šramatyová, Adam Szentpétery, Emöke Vargová, Ján Vasilko, Anabela Žigová.*



2. **Emöke Vargová**, Done!, 2003, installation, pencil, drilling, sticker text, text, drill, ø 330 cm
3. **Richard Fajnor**, Hang art, work in progress od 2004, performance



4. **Roman Ondák**, Stampede, 2011, video, 14 min 43 sec
5. **Martin Kollar**, Unofficial (selection from the series), 2006 – 2009, photographs 6 pieces, 59 x 46 cm