

## Backlight 2011 Photo Festival - 43 chosen artist

The 9<sup>th</sup> international photo festival in Tampere will open the exhibitions in September 2011. Photographic Centre Nykyaika has organized the international triennial since 1987. The main co-organizer in 2011 is Tampere Art Museum.

The theme of the Backlight 2011 Photo Festival is **Migration and Nomadic Living in 21<sup>st</sup> Century**. Theme in Backlight deals as concrete forms but also as metaphor for life and living in 21<sup>st</sup> century.

International specialists have nominated artistic positions and also individual artists have submitted their position directly to the organizer of Backlight 2011 Photo Festival. The main exhibitions will be seen in three spaces in Tampere (Finland) from 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The venues are: TR1 Kunsthalle, Tampere Art Museum, Mältinranta Art Centre. In the end of the Festival period, there will be one exhibition in Rajatila Gallery starting 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Chosen positions approach the motto in documentary style and with artistic concepts. Artworks together will create a visual intercultural dialogue in three sections as globalization, migration and nomads. The entity in TR1 Kunsthalle deals with alienation and exotic, corporative control and the power of ideology/art.

Beside of the TR1 exhibition Backlight 2011 will realize a project with over 20 young photo-artists from Russia in Tampere Art Museum and a presentation with eight positions from Essen about migration and integration into the Ruhr region from 1978 until today.

Chosen artists are (in alphabetical order):

### **TR1 Kunsthalle: 17th Sept – 30th Oct 2011**

Illias Bourgiotis, Greece  
Inigo Bujedo Aguirre, Spain  
Simone Donati, Italy  
Susana Giron, Spain  
Jan Ijäs, Finland  
Andrzej Maciejewski, Poland/Canada  
Edgar Martins, Portugal  
Ida Nisonen, Finland  
Simon Norfolk, Great Britain  
Florian Schwarz, Germany  
Juha Suonpää, Finland  
Petur Thomsen, Iceland  
Tahir Ün, Turkey  
Adolfo Vera, Finland

### **Tampere Art Museum : 17th Sept – 3rd Nov 2011**

#### **Russian photographers:**

Anna Block  
Leo Bugaev  
Aleksander Gronsky  
Tatiana Ilyina  
Sergey Kremnev  
Sergey Kozmin  
Anna Lipman  
Sergey Lutsenko  
Stanislav Markov  
Ivan Michailov

Evgeniy Mokhorev  
Margo Ovcharenko  
Sofia Pigalova  
Pavel Platonov  
Tatyana Plotnikova  
Julia Prokhorova  
Jana Romanova  
Konstantin Salomatin  
Andrei Shapran  
Irina Yulieva  
Oksana Yushko  
Alena Zhandarova

**Mältinranta Artcentre: 17th Sept – 4th Oct 2011**

**German photographers:**

Henning Christoph  
David Klammer  
Brigitte Kraemer  
Gernot Michalke  
Bussenius Reinicke  
Heiner Schmitz  
Andre Zelck

Each Backlight forms a new, unique entity. The theme, structure and organization changes every third year to keep project innovative. The audiences know Backlight mainly through its extensive series of exhibitions, but the event also includes the Backlight Symposium, which has a strong educational dimension.

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