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What's on today? It's May, day by day.



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The Recount of Conflict

The Recount of Conflict presents projects focused on the disruption of the everyday life of individuals, families, communities, organisations, countries, etc. The artists selected for the exhibition are Anna Ehrenstein, Demetris Koilalous, Jasper Bastian, Marcus Havdock, Mark McGuinness. Martin von den Driesch, and Sascha Richter. Their projects offer a rich and contemporary look at diverse aspects of conflict. Some of them engage with key issues such as identity, gender, nationalism, and migration. Others present us with observations of how ideologies, distant from the lives and concerns of ordinary people, have affected dramatically their everyday life. Meanwhile. others underline the power of media in the recount of conflict, the broadcast of History.

In Tales of Lipstick and Virtue, Anna Ehrenstein deals with the crossroads of gender, class, ethnicity and their interconnection to self representation as well as post-colonialism, authenticity and pseudo luxury. They are powerful images that live somewhere between the tacky and the commodified, and are certainly grounded in contemporary visual strategies.

Demetris Koilalous' Caesura documents the transitory state of migrants who have entered Greece after crossing the Aegean Sea on their way to Europe. Their silent presence has become a constant reminder of the effects of war, and their very present struggle makes us reconsider our shared human values. Sascha Richter's We Are Like Ghosts also looks at those in transit to freedom, in particular to Afghan migrants stuck in Serbia. With limited chances to enter the European Union and seek asylum legally, a growing distrust in state institutions pushed them to live in an abandoned train depot and nearby barracks, next to the main train station in Belgrade, under severe conditions.

Jasper Bastian's *Across the River* examines the scars of the ethnically divided city of Mitrovica. located in the northern corner of Kosovo. While the Albanian South-Mitrovica claims to belong to the independent state of Kosovo, the Serbian North-Mitrovica still pledges allegiance with Serbia. Their everyday becomes overpowered by this ongoing conflict, while the sublime landscape they inhabit hides an uncomfortable reality. In a similar manner. Mark McGuinness' Dreaming of Figure Eights documents the pause before the storm. the sense and uncertainty, helplessness and confinement in South Lebanon. Daily life attempts to continue as much larger forces are at work dictating the fate of the people who live there. The region has a dark past, a disjointed present and an unpredictable future. This is the first part of his photographic journey across the entire Shia crescent - a new ideological boundary is being created across the region.

Marcus Haydock's *Domestic Violence* was made in response to the hyper-televised conflict in Iraq that began in March 2003. During the first three weeks of the war the relentless procession of air-strikes on Baghdad and the invasion into Basra province of American and coalition forces was brought to us by an equally relentless and perhaps unprecedented level of media coverage. All of the images in this series were made during those 21 days and were shot straight from TV news channels in his living room. Witnessing this live coverage of war and terror pushes conflict, we are made to believe, elsewhere.

Martin von den Driesch's War Games puts the very real uprisings in Egypt and Yemen in contrast with the clean corporate world of weapon sales at the International Defence Exhibition in Abu Dhabi. Men, women and even children are demonstrating in pursuit of a better life, in Yemen and Egypt - and elsewhere in the Arab world. At the same time, at the biannual IDEX fair, business deals are undertaken and people have a try at the newest war toys, with an expression of joy and excitement. While in Sanaa and Alexandria people are risking their lives for a regime change, the IDEX presents the war field as a clean and exciting marketplace. The hopes of protesters for a better future have mostly been devastated by reality, but sales at the IDEX are continuously rising, making war a highly profitable business for weapon producers around the world.







New Irish Works

Location The Library Project, Temple Bar St, D2. Launch 6pm Sat 6th May Running 5-21 May Hours Mon-Fri 11-6pm/Sat-Sun 12-6pm

Every month from July 2016 to July 2017, a special presentation is being hosted at The Library Project for two selected New Irish Works artists at a time. The presentation includes a display of works and a publication for each artist's project.

The first two artists presented, during Photolreland Festival 2016, were Daragh Soden and Mandy O'Neill. As we get closer to the end of this series - the final presentation will be later in June - come and join us to celebrate the works of Robert McCormack and David Thomas Smith.

Selected by an international panel of 23 professionals, New Irish Works brings you a selection of 20 projects and 20 photographers representing the diverse range of practices coming from Ireland.



New Irish Works launch in Photolreland Festival 2016.

New Irish Works 2016 is a year long project of 10 presentations and 20 publications that aims to highlight the great moment Irish Photography is experiencing.

The artists selected are Ailbhe Ní Bhriain, Aisling McCoy, Caitriona Dunnett, Dara McGrath, Daragh Soden, David Thomas Smith, Eanna de Freine, Emer Gillespie, Enda Bowe, Jan McCullough, Jill Quigley, Kate Nolan, Mandy O'Neill, Matthew Thompson, Miriam O'Connor, Noel Bowler, Robert McCormack, Roseanne Lynch, Shane Lynam, and Yvette Monahan.

As part of the project, Photolreland brought New Irish Works abroad at key events like PhotoEspaña, with the support of the Embassy of Ireland in Madrid, and to Paris during Paris Photo, with the support of the Centre Culturel Irlandais and Culture Ireland.

You can find our more about the New Irish Works series at **newirishworks.com**

Robert David T McCormack Smith Facade Arecik

Facade takes place in some of the wealthiest neighbourhoods surrounding Hyde Park, in the centre of London. These areas have the highest price tags for residential properties in the United Kingdom. In these spaces, financial elites are buying and inheriting a history and heritage that has been preserved. For some, this heritage meets the need to salvage an essential sense of self from the debris of modern estrangement.

In London today, there is a new class in which the financial constellation is dominant and which ultimately traces the roots of its new wealth to the deregulation of the financial markets. These new financial elites are the true heirs to the long held imperial legacy connected with London; their power has grown to a dimension that is truly imperial in the modern world. London is now the destination of choice for the world's multi billionaires, it is virtually a tax haven, and a large proportion of these new residents now live in the areas.

The images taken for this project, give a perception of the city as a site of mystery, they seek to reveal and construct a conceptual portrait of this wealthy portion of society. In doing so, they look at how space is formed and organised around them, as social identity is defined and asserted through difference.

robertmccormackphotography.com

David Thomas Smith **Arecibo**

Exploration is deeply ingrained in the make up of humankind. Our struggle is that of contact. The *Arecibo* message was broadcast into space with the aim of reaching out to extraterrestrial life.

The message was broadcast into space via frequency modulated radio waves at a ceremony to mark the remodeling of the Arecibo radio telescope on 16 November 1974. It was aimed at the globular star cluster M13 some 25,000 light years away. The "ones" and "zeros" contained information about the fundamentals of life on Earth. The total broadcast was less than three minutes.

By the time the message reaches M13, the star cluster will no longer be in that location. Therefore, the real purpose of the message was not to make contact but to demonstrate the capabilities and advances of humanity.

Arecibo is visual homage to the original message and a reflection on the birth of humanity, our growth and evolution. Each image in the series is a composite of thousands of Jpegs extracted from Google Maps. The landscapes distorted by patterns of light, both natural and manmade, explore important punctuations in human history.

david-thomas-smith.com



Jens Sundheim
Of Ants
and Star Polyhedrons

Marsh's Library St. Patrick's Close, D2
Running 3-31 May
Hours Mon, Wed-Fri 9:30am-5pm/Sat 10am-5pm
Closed on Tuesdays and Sundays



Sundheim photographed at the Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany, a complex built in the 1960s, following ideas of the 1920s era of modernism. At the time it was praised as "the university of the future" – and later considered a horrific architectural failure that drives students to suicide.

Feeling like a scientist himself, Jens explored the university grounds with his camera. Starting outside, he worked his way in, passing lecture halls, libraries, and all sorts of laboratories and scientific areas. The series is enriched by studio imagery of scientific models Jens encountered in various faculty archives. The work approaches the complexity of human knowledge and traces its visibility. Reoccurring geometric forms hint at the multi-layered interrelations of natural and cultural spheres in scientific research.







Regarding the Hispanic World



Instituto Cervantes Dublin Lincoln Place, D2. Launch 6pm Wed 3rd May Running 4 May-29 June Hours Mon-Thu 12-7pm/Fri-Sat 10am-2pm

The show Regarding the Hispanic World at Instituto Cervantes Dublin will present works by 22 photographers, who have captured social, political and cultural elements and themes linked to the Hispanic world in Ireland and abroad. The works were selected from amongst submissions to an open call by Laura Martín, Arts Officer at Instituto Cervantes Dublin; Frank Miller, Picture Editor and staff photographer at The Irish Times; and Ángel Luis González, Director of Photolreland Foundation.

The photographers presenting are: Allyson Klein, Anita McGarry, Basil Al Rawi, Deirdre Brennan, Dick Keely, George Voronov, Gerry Blake, Helena Gouveia Monteiro, Itziar Telletxea, James Forde, Jeanette Lowe, Maurice Gunning, Michael Cassidy, Neil Hutcheson, Oisin Prendiville, Rocío López Martínez, Ryan T. Lee, Sarah Fitzgerald, Shay Farrelly, Stephen Farrell, Tárlis Schneider, and Wojciech Ryzinski.

Robert Capa: La Maleta Mexicana

Pearse Street Library 144 Pearse St, D2.

Date 2pm Sat 27th May

Admission Free English, Spanish & Catalan, Subtitles

86 min Classification: G, 2011

Mexican Suitcase tells the story of the recovery of 4,500 negatives by Robert Capa, Gerda Taro and David 'Chim' Seymour taken during the Spanish Civil War, found 70 years later in a closet in Mexico City. The film looks at the journey of these negatives from France to Mexico; their survival and looks at how Spain reflects today on its own history, as well as those who escaped. Mexico was the only country to come to the rescue and support of the Spanish Republic and then honour and support the Republic in exile, when the rest of the world turned its back. Mexican Suitcase looks at this unique story and these photos lost for seventy years. Directed by Trisha Ziff.

Organised by Instituto Cervantes Dublin in collaboration with UNESCO City of Literature, Dublin City Council, Dublin Age and Oportunity, and Agencia Española de Cooperación.



Os Días Afogados

Instituto Cervantes Dublin Lincoln Place, D2. Date 6pm Fri 5th May Admission Free Galician, English Subtitles 87 min Classification: G, 2015

Followed by a Q&A with directors César Souto and Luis Avilés (Spanish)

In 1992, the construction of the Lindoso (Portugal) dam forever flooded the villages Aceredo and Buscalque (Galicia, Spain), Its inhabitants could do nothing to save their land and their homes. Knowing that everything was about to be lost. several neighbors took their domestic cameras and started to film. Their footage, filmed since the mid-60s is valuable historical and ethnographic evidence, coloured by their subjectivity and their experiences. The footage is, at the same time, a demonstration of faith in the possibilities of home-made movies as a way to register the time in which we have to live. Beyond the intimate, a portrait of the mechanisms of power is revealed. The tension between the existential and the political, between past time and present reality, determine a story that projects in multiple ways beyond itself.



Since 2006 César Souto Vilanova has specialised in news reports about current political and social affairs in Galicia, Spain and at an international level, first for the programme REC cámara followed by his work for Reporteros. Luis Avilés has directed the TV shows *Criaturas y Casados* for TVG (Galician regional channel) and the short film *A subela* (2003) chosen by the Xunta de Galicia (the regional government) to promote audiovisual Galician productions. He was shortlisted for a Goya award for Best New Director.

Organised by Amanita Films and Centro Irlandés de Estudos Galegos (University College Cork) in collaboration with Instituto Cervantes Dublin.

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Patrick Willocq, The Art of Survival

Location The Copper House, St. Kevin's Cottages, Launch 9pm Fri 5th May Synge St. D8. Running 8-31 May Hours Mon-Fri 10am-5pm

The Art of Survival is a commission for international charity Save the Children, in collaboration with refugee communities. There are over 3.5 million refugee children around the world out of school. Without an education, these children have no future. Willocg felt that repetitive broadcasting by popular media meant stereotypes did not work anymore and that a different way of storytelling was required. He wanted to humanise personal stories hoping people would take notice of the breadth and complexity of children seeking refuge and was totally committed to taking every chance to put a human face to children refugees.

a rare chance for the children refugees to express themselves and the resulting photos to become empowering representations of these children. thecopperhousegallery.com

Through participative and performative staged photography, this art project was going to provide





Dara McGrath, **Project Cleansweep**

Location Roscommon Arts Centre. Roscommon. Launch 6pm Thu 13th April Running 14 Apr-25 May Hours Tue-Fri 10am-5pm/Sat 2-5pm

Project Cleansweep is a project that surveys the landscape of chemical and biological weapons in the British Isles and its continuing legacy, interrogating deliberate state and military encroachment into an appropriation (often secretive) of the landscape, essentially a massive 'land grab'. This bucolic landscape today holds layers of narratives that the security apparatus of the state would prefer not told. It is another representation of the impact of state and commercial interests on a rural setting: this has often caused long term problems of pollution and abandonment.

Dara McGrath was named winner of the Roscommon Arts Centre Contemporary Photography Award. selected by Martin Parr, and this exhibition is part of the award.

roscommonartscentre.ie

Theresa Nanigian, **Trying to Behave**

Location The LAB, Foley Street, D1, Launch 6pm Thu 6th Apr Running 6 Apr-4 Jun Hours Mon-Fri 10-6pm/Sat-Sun 10-5pm

trying to behave employs a particular pastime as the lens through which to consider older age - the bi-monthly tea dances at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. Having attended this event on numerous occasions, observing, filming, and surveying numerous patrons, the artist uncovered several dichotomies about this disparate group of individuals who share an ardent passion: composure and vulnerability; vivaciousness and feebleness; spirit and neediness; beauty and decline. trying to behave, a solo show by artist Theresa Nanigian, is part of the just a bit extraordinary tour curated by Aoife Ruane. The tour is comprised of 'three chapters' in which the artist has chosen an equal number of idiosyncratic groups, loosely aligned to a particular stage in psychosocial development, to serve as her muse in exploring the expression of identity across the lifespan.

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Shot

Location SO Fine Art Editions. 10 South Anne St. D2 Launch 6pm Thu 4th May **Running** 5-25 May Hours Mon-Fri 10-5:30pm/Sat 11-5pm

SO Fine Art Editions presents Shot - a group show of contemporary photographers.

Patricio Cassinoni interprets, in photographic language, the paintings of Mark Rothko, paying homage to Anish Kapoor. Diarmait Grogan deals with the mysterious and the mundane. Joby Hickey, whose unique style of photography stems from his experimenting with past techniques. often building his own cameras and equipment. John Minihan - a renowned photographer. continues his personal relationship with Ireland's writers and poets through portraits. Hugh O'Conor, whose work depicts emotive portraits and landscapes. Jill Quigley's series of work focuses on the representation of rural Irish life and the fluorescent colours within those environments. David Stephenson reflects, comments on and explores the ordinary and domestic day-to-day life, and Dominic Turner investigates issues of memory and people's interaction with their environment.

sofinearteditions.com



Justyna Kielbowicz, Dr.Nadia Kelbova

Location A4 Sounds Gallery, St Joseph's Parade, D1 Launch 6.30pm Thu 11th May Running 12-21 May Hours Tue-Fri 12-6pm/Sat 2-7pm/Sun 2-5pm

Since the end of the Second World War and throughout the Cold War, devices have been developed which aim to affect the human nervous system, and ultimately manipulate thinking in society as a whole. In general, little is known about the locations and operations of these weapons of mass mind control and even less is known about the scientists who work tirelessly to counter these insidious technologies. This Dr. Nadia Kelbova in the areas of electromagnetic, gravitational and light waves using her Psychotronic Weapon Deflector and her goal of protecting humanity from the sinister influences of these mechanisms of social engineering. A mixture of scientific experimentation and performance, interwoven with humour form the key elements of this project. Justyna Kielbowicz is the recipient of the A4 DIT Graduate Award 2016. a4sounds.org



Novice Exhibition, Dublin Camera Club

Location Dublin Camera Club, 10 Lwr Camden St, D2 Running 9-27 May

Hours Tue 7:30pm-11:30pm/Sat 11am-5pm

The *Novice Exhibition* is the output from the Novice Workshop at the Dublin Camera Club. The exhibition will include the works of 32 artists from this group.

This workshop is held in the club every two weeks and is aimed at those members who are just starting out with their photography. This is a forum for novices to submit images based on a theme (each workshop has a different theme) and have them critiqued in a friendly, non-judgmental way.

Each workshop is different and evolves around the images submitted with advice being given on composition, exposure and how to improve the image.

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Fotobookfestival Kassel Dummy Awards 2017

Location The Library Project, 4 Temple Bar St, D2 **Running** 1-31 May

Hours Mon-Fri 11am-6pm/Sat-Sun 12-6pm

The Fotobookfestival Kassel together with its cooperation partner Verlag Kettler again invites all photographers to present their as-yet unpublished photobooks to an international public and eminent experts. In 2017 the best 50 books have been shortlisted by a jury and will be exhibited at international photo events, amongst others, in Istanbul, Moscow, Madrid, Dublin, Aarhus and Lodz.

From these 50 titles, 3 winners will be chosen by an international jury at the Istanbul Photobook Festival. The winner of the First Prize will be produced and published by Fotobookfestival's cooperation partner Verlag Kettler, Germany.

THE SHORTLIST 2017

Felix Adler (Germany), Paule Hugo Alcol (Spain), Archipiélago Monique Atherton (USA), First Avenue Özgür Atlagan (Turkey), shovel-eye Marina Berio (USA), The space in the mind in the body in the space

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Jose Luis Cuevas (Mexico), Observaciones sobre la resistencia de los cuerpos

Collettivo DAV (Italy), Tara, il fiume dei miracoli Sigrid Ehemann (Germany), Bruno Is a Celebrity Vika Eksta (Latvia), Dievs Daba Darbs Keiji Fujimoto (Japan), Forget-me-not Andi Galdi Vinko (Hungary), Paradisco Mario C. Girela (Spain), The Roots and the Ruins Elodie Grethen (France), Tokyo Stories Tom Griggs & Paul Kwiatkowski (USA), Ghost Guessed

Ilyas Hajji (Russia), Anti/terror
Miki Hasegawa (Japan), Internal Notebook
Maki Hayashida (Japan), The Odyssey
Tomota Ikawa (Japan), Yureru
Zeynep Kayan (Turkey), untitled
Alex Kemman (The Netherlands), Whispers of War
Ludmila Ketslakh (USA), Uncertainty of Being
Blair Kitchener (New Zealand), Duplex City
David Klammer (Germany), Good Morning Auroville
Eva Krampen Kosloski (Italy), 3 Agosto 1944
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Karsten Kronas (Germany), Searching for Mr. X

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Mark McGuinness (Ireland), Dreaming of Figure

Eights Anne Müchler & Nico Schmitz (Germany),

Encounter — Truth Construction
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Alexander Binder Andrea Grützner **Brea Souders** Brenda Biondo Chloe Sells Elmar Vestner Jan Rosseel Kira Leskinen Luuk De Haan Maija Tammi Manuel Geerinck Martín Bollati Nico Krijno Richard Caldicott Stephan Zirwes Taisuke Koyama Vilde Rolfsen



Launch: Junior Magazine, The Freedom Issue

Location The Library Project, 4 Temple Bar St, D2 **Launch** 6pm Thu 25th May **Running** 22-28 May

Hours Mon-Fri 11am-6pm/Sat-Sun 12-6pm

Junior Magazine is a photographic journal providing a platform to emerging talent in Irish photography. They 'seek to foster a new photographic community and shine a spotlight on outstanding work that is too often overlooked'. As with issue 1, the new issue will be launched at The Library Project under the title The Freedom Issue. Within these pages, Junior dissects and discusses the many notions of freedom.

From its definition to its antithesis, from the macro to the micro, and from the past into the future.

Junior features projects from some of Ireland's most promising photographers including Matt Glover, Therese Rafter, Andrew Rankin, and Holly Foskett. A new feature will allow photographs to collide with the written word, as some of Ireland's emerging literary talent responds to images from Clare Lyons, Daragh Soden and more. This new issue will be designed by Junior's new team member Joshua Fanning. junior.ie

Launch: Blow Photo, Issue 15

Location The Liquor Rooms, 6 Wellington Quay, D2 **Launch** 9pm Thu 4th May

The latest limited edition from *BLOW Photo* has brought together some of the world's most exceptional artists, covering the length and breadth of abstract art photography. Andrea Grützner uses the movement of light and precise shadows to symbolically reflect on her childhood memories. Martin Bollati looks back to the origins of our history investigating the process of representation of power politics discourses. Jan Rosseel in his series *On the Aesthetics of Violence* questions the relationship between politics and

aesthetics, history and memory in images of violence. Abstract art can sometimes be the only medium to approach such complex issues. The cover artist, Brenda Biondo in her Paper Skies deals with process. She examines the perception of colour and form within photographs, frequently punctuating her work with quotes from Frank Stella. Mark Rothko and Georgia O'Keeffe. Physicist Niels Bohr summed things up perfectly when he said "the opposite of a fact is falsehood, but the opposite of one profound truth may very well be another profound truth". Abstract art can truly be both the most essential and the most non essential of things.

blowphoto.com



Critical Practice Reviews

Location The Tara Building, Tara St, D2. **Dates** Fri 5th & Sat 6th May 2017, 10am-5pm

The CPR Team

Photography experts:

Christiane Monarchi, Editor, Photomonitor.
Jenny Lindhe, Curator, Landskrona Foto Festival, and Breadfield Gallery.
Ken Grant, Photographer and Lecturer.
Marc Prüst, Photography Consultant and Curator at Noorderlicht.
Monika Chmielarz, Artistic Director and Photoeditor, Blow Photo.
Moritz Neumüller, Curator, Educator and Writer.
Orla Fitzpatrick, Photohistorian, Researcher and Writer.
Rodrigo Orrantia, Art Historian and Curator.
Tracy Marshall, Director, Belfast Exposed Photography.
Vivienne Gamble, Founder and Director, Seen Fifteen Gallery.

Creative experts:

Bob Gray, Design Director, Red & Gray.
Ciara Cantwell, Founder and Director, Associate, Dublin.
David Wall, Co-Founder and Co-Director, WorkGroup, Dublin.
Eamonn Hall, Art Director, Atomic.
Laura McGovern, Senior Creative at BBH, London.
Oonagh Young, Designer, Owner, Oonagh Young Gallery, Dublin.

Critical Practice Reviews

Like Portfolio Reviews, only better

Critical Practice Reviews (CPR) are group critiques in which 3 professionals listen, discuss and advise on the practice and development of 2 artists at a time. The sessions run for 1 hour, with 20 minutes presentations per photographer plus 10 minutes Q&A and feedback. A key component of these reviews is the approach, and the background of the experts.

In the CPR sessions, 2 of the 3 specialists in the group are experts with a diverse Photography background, with the third expert being one currently working in creative industries such as Design, Marketing and Advertising. The sessions will offer an analysis of the overall artist's practice as much as looking at the specific hurdles they may find in current projects; the specialists will follow a proposed methodology, raising a series of key questions and looking for specific answers, to ensure these are indeed serious and poignant meetings for all participants.

Each day, we will assemble 5 CPR Teams, and for every session booked, the participants will be assigned one of them, at a particular time between 10am and 4pm. We partner participants with other artists that we consider will be relevant. The allocation of sessions is made as bookings are received, so the sooner this is booked, the better. The fee per 1 hour session is €30 and artists are welcome to book no more than 4 sessions.

These new meetings represent a unique opportunity for artists in any stage of their career to meet with international professionals, highlight new photographic projects, and to further and examine not only their practice and personal work, but most importantly, their careers and professional self-development.

Why Critical Practice Reviews and not Portfolio Reviews?

In the last edition of PhotoIreland Festival, we decided to stop offering portfolio

reviews. Instead, we tested out privately a new structure to replace the traditional meetings with a better format that would avoid many of its shortcomings, and during 2016 we continued working on it to perfect it.

We had grown uncomfortable with this standardised form of meetings, because of the format, the power relations it perpetuated, and because so many times it failed to succeed; it is a model borrowed from the creative industries and applied outright to the Arts.

Over the last years, our experience running such meetings, attending them internationally too as reviewers, and listening to the feedback from reviewees, slowly made us question them, as we passionately question everything we do. That is why this May, we are finally launching the first edition of what we have come to call Critical Practice Reviews

Our experience has demonstrated that in a majority of the portfolio sessions, there is a strong need for creative input beyond curatorial or editorial aspects, a demand to resolve a well-researched project, transforming it into visually and conceptually engaging stories. In most of these cases, the input from a creative mind is key. Of course, these experts also bring into the Critical Practice Reviews an added business layer, one with a sustainable mindset that actually values creative labour beyond craft and that is certainly and largely ignored in the Arts. This, added to the experience and knowledge of the curators, editors, lecturers, and photographers experts, will create a strong if not unique offering.

In short, the Critical Practice Reviews resolve many of the issues presented by traditional portfolio reviews and actively engage with both the origin of such professional meetings and the Art context where they are placed. The Critical Practice Reviews are our best response to an obsolete model, they are the result of our honest approach, and we are happy to call them ours; now we are delighted to offer them to all artists interested.

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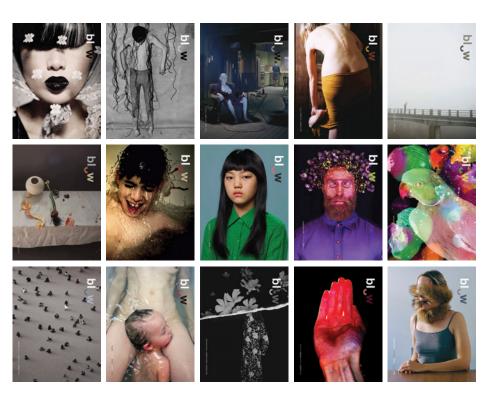


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