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Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair Announces 2018 Programme's Highlights

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The 6th **Cosmoscow International Contemporary Art Fair** announces details of its main programming, including a number of participating Russian and international galleries and special projects. The fair will take place at Moscow's Gostiny Dvor on September 6-9, 2018 supported by Main Partner **Qatar Airways**, Strategic Partner **Credit Suisse**, Official Partner **Beluga** and Official Hotel **St. Regis Moscow Nikolskaya**.

Cosmoscow 2018 will feature **more than 70 Russian and international galleries**, demonstrating a 30% growth as compared with the previous year. The extensive on-site programming that include **Focus, Galleries, Past Present**, and **Projects** sections will be enhanced with three new curated sections including **Editions, Design**, and **Frame**.

Editions section features galleries, which deal with prints and multiples. **Design** section, curated by **Kristina Krasnyanskaya** of Heritage Gallery, showcases galleries dealing with contemporary design. **Frame** section, curated by the Fair's Expert Committee members **Elena Selina** of XL Gallery, and **Olga Temnikova** of Temnikova & Kasela Gallery, represents nomadic galleries with no permanent space or the ones that work as a showroom.

Galleries section, also curated by the Fair's Expert Committee members Elena Selina and Olga Temnikova, represents both well established and new Russian and international galleries with their own exhibition space and proactively promoting their artists.

For the second year running, **Focus** section will feature contemporary art galleries from one specific country, this year it introduces galleries and artists from Belgium. **Past Present** section, curated by Elena Selina, will once again include works of recognized contemporary Russian art masters, whose names were relevant in the past and have not lost their artistic value in the present. As part of the **Projects** section, curated by Elena Selina, Cosmoscow participants will get a chance to display one or several large-scale art objects and installations at the main venue of the fair at Gostiny Dvor.

This year Cosmoscw announced the 5-year partnership with **Qatar Airways** within the Qatar-Russia Year of Culture. As the Main Partner of Cosmoscw, Qatar Airways will be represented at the Fair at Gostiny Dvor with a curated section, further strengthening cultural ties between both countries and the integration of Russian contemporary art into the international context.

For the fourth consecutive year, international wealth manager **Credit Suisse** will serve as the Strategic Partner to Cosmoscw supporting the fair in its mission to develop the contemporary art market in Russia and to make Russian artists more visible inside the country and globally. At the fair opening, Credit Suisse and Cosmoscw will announce the winner of their joint award for emerging artistic talent in Russia, taking place for the third consecutive year.

Comebacks and newcomers

The Fair will witness numerous comebacks of previous year's international participants, including **Temnikova & Kasela Gallery** (Tallinn), **LOCUS** (Oslo), and **Raster Gallery** (Warszawa). Raster Gallery will continue its busy season of international touring that included Tbilisi Art Fair (May 17-20) and LISTE Art Fair Basel (June 11-17) among the latest destinations. On top of that, Raster will share its Cosmoscw stand with a newcomer from Warszawa, **Dawid Radziszewski Gallery**, mostly representing artists of the same generation, born in the mid-1980s. The gallery will come to Moscow after visiting 10th Berlin Biennale (June 6-9). **LOCUS**, an artist run independent gallery space, will feature works by **Sara Rönnbäck**, **Kiyoshi (Kiki) Yamamoto**, **Katarina Skår Lisa**, **Thale Fastvold**, and **Tanja Thorjussen**.

For the first time Assembly, a gallery from Poland, will participate at Cosmoscw showing works by **Benjamin Rubloff** (USA) and **Mateusz Piestrak** (Poland).

The **Focus** section will welcome Belgian galleries from the previous year – **NK Gallery** (Antwerp), **Samuel Maenhoudt Gallery** (Knokke), and **Tatjana Pieters** (Ghent) – and also the **Artelli Gallery** (Antwerp) for the first time. Established in 2015, it is one of the city's youngest galleries, exhibiting both well-known names and upcoming artists. At Cosmoscw the gallery will showcase works by such artists as **Albert Pepermans**, and **Philippe Elardy**. Antwerp-based **NK Gallery** will bring works by **Hans Vanderkechove** for the first time.

While the full list of participants will be announced later this summer, there is a number of Russian galleries that will be exhibited at Cosmoscw, among them are: **11.12 Gallery** (Moscow), **Fragment Gallery** (Moscow, winner of the Best Stand Prize of Cosmoscw 2017), **HLAM Gallery** (Voronezh), **Lazy Mike** (Moscow), **Lumiere Brothers Gallery** (Moscow), **Marina Gisich Gallery** (St. Petersburg), **Osnova Gallery** (Moscow), **Pop/off/art Gallery** (Moscow), **Shaltai Editions** (Moscow), and **Triangle Gallery** (Moscow).

Curated stands

Some of Cosmoscw participants will turn their stands into integral conceptual art projects. The **Shaltai Editions**, a gallery and an experimental platform specializing in prints and multiples is planning to introduce the *NATI (New Archive of Limited Edition Art)* project made as a folder in edition of 30 copies. According to the general idea behind the project, each artist is given an envelope to keep the commissioned works. Quantity and typology of the work can vary, as long as they fit in the envelope and are printed in editions. The open NATI folder designed by **Kirill Glushenko** can be arranged to become a stand for the works in it. The project was made in collaboration with **Andrey Monastyrsky**, **Igor Makarevich**, **Elena Elagina**, **Viktor Alimpiev**, **Irina Korina**, and **Ivan Gorshkov**, the latter was named Cosmoscw Artist of the Year in 2017.

In 2017 the **Lumiere Brothers Gallery** presented the *100 Years of Photography*, a specially curated project, spanning the history of Soviet photography in 1920–1990. This year the gallery will showcase works by **Elliott Erwitt**, **Arnold Newman**, **Sylvie Blum**, **Howard Schatz**, **Douglas Kirkland**, **Ruth Orkin**, **Harold Feinstein**, and other photographers united by a common topic stated as *American Classic Photography of*

the 20th and 21st centuries. The stand will feature more than 25 unique prints collected by the gallery over 17 years of working directly with the heirs or estates representing those names all over the world.

New projects

Stand of **pop/off/art**, one of the leading members of the Moscow art scene, will feature brand new projects by **Vladimir Potapov** and **Alexander Plusnin**. In his new painting series, Potapov works with a mixture of motifs of habitual reality and bright, iridescent material surfaces. The strict monochrome aesthetics of Alexander Plusnin constitutes a contrast to the works of Potapov. Both artists can be named among the leaders of the local art scene of their generation.

Brand new works by Russian artists **Gregori Maiofis** and **Dimitri Tsykalov** will be showcased at the stand of the St. Petersburg-based **Marina Gisich Gallery**. The gallery will bring to Moscow large-scale works from the latest series of Maiofis based on Hollywood production photos made with the participation of professional actors. One of the main topics of the series is virtual reality. Dimitri Tsykalov will be represented with world maps made of wooden ammunition boxes.

Other Russian exhibitors

Among other Cosmoscw 2018 participants are the following galleries: **Triangle Gallery** displaying works of **Valery Chtak** and **Kirill Lebedev**; Voronezh-based **HLAM Gallery** with works by **Kirill Savelyev** and **Ivan Gorshkov**. Winner of Cosmoscw 2017 special Best Stand Prize, **Fragment Gallery**, will display works by **Ilya Fedotov-Fedorov** and **Alexey Martins**.

The **11.12 Gallery** will show works by **Alexey Alpatov** and **Rinat Voligamsi**. Taking into consideration the fact that Voligamsi's solo exhibition *Dvoegorsk* took place at the Moscow Museum of Modern Art this winter, 11.12 Gallery stand will provide Cosmoscw guests with a chance to purchase museum quality art works.

The **Lazy Mike** multifunctional project will pair works by a Russian artist (**Nikolay Koshelev**) and a German artist (**Daniel Lergon**).

For their Cosmoscw 2018 stand **Osnova Gallery**, a young and dynamic Moscow art space founded in 2014, has chosen works by two artists. One of them is **Ian Ginsburg**, whose first gallery show *The Mechanical Beetle* was held at the Osnova in December-February. The second artist is **Henning Strassburger**. Each of them in their own way deconstructs and interprets artistic techniques of the 20th century, exploring their influence on contemporary artistic thought.

Special projects

A number of special projects commissioned for the fair will be created by Cosmoscw Artist of the Year 2018 **Taus Makhacheva** (in 2018 she will participate in four international biennales including Liverpool Biennial and Riga International Biennial of Contemporary Art); art project presented by the **Smena Center of Contemporary Culture** (Kazan, est. 2013), Cosmoscw 2018 Non-Profit Institution of the Year; and a site-specific project *Black Diptych (Black Forest and Black Sky)* by emerging Russian artist **Alexey Martins**, who was the winner of the 2017 Ruinarart Art Patronat grant. Cosmoscw 2018 will also feature the first public presentation of a new collection of media art formed by the **Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts**, Cosmoscw 2018 Museum Partner, as a part of *Pushkin Museum XXI* programme.

Moscow Art Scene in September

This September, Moscow will mark itself as one of the hottest destinations for contemporary art lovers. Following on from its success at Tate Modern, London, the **State Tretyakov Gallery** will show the retrospective of **Ilya and Emilia Kabakov** ["Not Everyone Will Be Taken Into the Future"](#) (from 7

September), **V-A-C Foundation** will host a multidisciplinary project from the collections of **V-A-C, MOMA** and **KADIST** [General Rehearsal](#) (till 15 September), and the **Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts** will stage an exhibition of [Visual arts of Edo period](#) (from 4 September). **Smart Art Foundation** and the **Moscow Museum of Modern Art** will present a new site-specific project by **Sveta Shuvaeva**, Cosmoscw 2016 Artist of the Year (from 5 September). Using paper as a principal media, the artist will create a closed environment with all the elements (walls, floors, furniture and other objects) made of paper. Sveta will welcome viewers to become part of a paper mock-up and feel like heroes of an animated movie.

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About Cosmoscw

Cosmoscw International Contemporary Art Fair was launched by Russian collector and philanthropist Margarita Pushkina in 2010 and aims to bring together both Russian and international collectors, galleries and artists. Cosmoscw is Russia's only international art fair taking place every September with its own spot in an international art calendar. The 5th anniversary edition of the fair took place at the Gostiny Dvor on September 8-10, 2017 representing a record number of 54 Russian and International galleries and welcoming 19,200 guests. Over 2,000 people visited Cosmoscw Collectors' Preview.

Cosmoscw 2018 will take place from 6 to 9 September 2018 at Gostiny Dvor. 6 September is a dedicated to press, art professionals, and collectors. Public viewing is from 7 to 9 September.

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