

Tallinn Photomonth 2013

27 September – 27 October
Tallinn, Estonia

Union of Photography Artists (Foku) presents the second Tallinn Photomonth this autumn, with the main programme running from 27 September until 27 October 2013 in Tallinn and Tartu, Estonia.

The artist-led festival aims to bring high quality exhibitions and events to local audiences, introduce local artists to international curators and contribute to the development of the contemporary art market in Estonia.

The festival's highlights include the group exhibition *Shadows of a Doubt* at Tallinn Art Hall, specially curated for Tallinn Photomonth by Niekolaas Lekkerkerk (The Netherlands). The exhibition features works by 17 international artists engaging with the conditions and experience of the present moment.

Whilst *Shadows of a Doubt* is an essential part of the programme of Tallinn Photomonth, it is not a photography exhibition. "We are inviting the viewer to reflect on the concept of time - so hard to grasp, yet essential to the way we think about photography," said Kristel Raesaar, artistic director of the festival. "Photography, in turn, is instrumental to how, not only our memories, but also our expectations for the future, are formed today."

The exhibition *Where You End, I Begin* at Tartu Art House will focus on the recent developments in Estonian lens-based art from 1992 to 2013. Curated by Anneli Porri, the exhibition explores varying concepts of space: political and ideological, personal, photographic and transcendent space.

The Photographic Art Fair at Telliskivi Loomelinnak offers a selection of the best recent works by Estonian artists working with photography.

The exhibitions and the fair will serve as a platform for a series of lectures, discussions, workshops and public events. In addition, several galleries and organisations will offer exhibitions and events in collaboration with Tallinn Photomonth.

The first Tallinn Photomonth took place in 2011. Foku, the initiator of the festival, is an artist initiative aiming to develop the professional field of lens based art in Estonia and abroad. Currently, Foku has 34 members.

The programme of Tallinn Photomonth 2013 is curated by Kristel Raesaar.

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