

Exhibition “Virtuoso” artists in Maribor, Slovenia



“Talk to me” installation; Photo: Mārtiņš Ratniks

This week exhibition “Virtuoso – multi science art platform” artists will go to Maribor, Slovenia, where in KIBLA gallery will exhibit works dedicated to human and nature interaction and future sustainability. “Talk to me” is research about human and plant communication, work “aKa” is experimenting with nature phenomena presenting utopic solutions for their usage in every day life, but work “Private atmosphere” is offering each person to create their own Earth atmosphere.

Exhibition marks closing of international cooperation project “Soft Control”. As part of this project, last week slovenian artists, Maja Smrekar and Monika Pocrnjic presented creative workshops in symposium “Virtuosi – multi science art platform”. Their workshops were dedicated to biotechnologies and creation of music instruments.

“Talk to Me” is an artistic inquiry into human and plant communication, exploring the relationships between nature and people, biology and technology, biological and social processes in particular. Authors of this project are Rasa Šmite, Raitis Šmits and Mārtiņš Ratniks. “Talk to Me” started by asking – do plants grow better, taller and more beautiful, if people talk to them? This project video will be presented at Maribor, representing 13 183 messages received from visitors in the two-year period of the “Talk to Me project” during which the installations were exhibited in five different locations with an online interface in 3 different languages (English, German and Latvian).

Riharda Vītola work “aKa” is unique method which shows how human will be able to get water in their every day lives. After two decades people wont be able to use overland water in nutrition. Artist offers idea about ballon farms – new way of economics, which will help collect water from clouds.

Paulas Vītolas work “Private atmosphere” invites protect yourself from threts of our Earth atmosphere, by creating your own. It is provided by plant growing in closed atmosphere – helmet, which you cant take off. To provide international communication of humans and orienting in environment, sensory organs will be enhanced by technologies.



(Left) Paulas Vitolas work "Private atmosphere", photo: Andrejs Strokins; (Right) Rihards Vitolas "aKa", photo: Paula Vītola

Riharda Vītola un Paula Vītola works first time were shown in exhibition "Virtuosi – multi science art platform", which from April 16 to May 17, 2015 took place in RIXC Gallery. Exhibition was inspired by english poet and play writer Thomas Shadwell comedy "Virtuoso" (1676). Works are created as subjective research about important art themes – different nature process, energy, sustainability, physical and acoustical properties, electricity and communication media, by using newest technologies and experimenting with old ones.

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