

OSLO SPECULATIONS

UKS 16 – 17 April, 2010

Who would not have liked to listen to Marcel Broodthaers explaining how he came to the seminal decision of taking up art making while giving up a fine career as poet? Or listen in as Pontus Hultén gave his account of the background for his groundbreaking exhibitions at Moderna Museet in the 60s? And who would have wanted to miss out on Meret Oppenheim telling the true story behind the furry cup?

Speculation is the process of thinking or meditating on a subject. The participants at the seminar Oslo Speculations are invited to share the speculations, contemplations and problems that are basic to or perhaps are the very incentive for an artistic practice – fundamental issues concerning freedom, sexuality, spirituality, alienation, irrationality, politics, history, the past, the present and the future.

Oslo Speculations aims to be a different kind of seminar. Rather than a generic presentation of their practice, we urge the participants to reflect upon the basic issues. What trickered it all? How do you keep on going? Why do you do, what you do?

We invite the people that we would most want to listen to ourselves – from the field of contemporary art, but also from other fields such as religion, literature and music. Works of each participant will be on display during the seminar. As much as a seminar, Oslo Speculations is also a social event taking in performances, screenings, readings as well as a reactionary kitchen with an experimental bar.

Oslo Speculations is a collaboration between Henrik Plenge Jakobsen, The Academy of Fine Arts in Oslo / Linus Elmes and Sverre Gullesen, UKS

Program:

Friday 16 April

14:30 Sverre Gullesen, Linus Elmes and Henrik Plenge Jakobsen

15:00 Jens Haaning

16:00 Marta Kuzma in conversation with Thomas Bayrle

17:00 Sante Poromaa

18:00 Leander Djønné, Ivan Galuzin, Anders Smebye and

Ann-Catrin November Høibo

19:00 Loulou Cherinet

20:00 Danh Vo

21:00 Yngvars conservative kitchen and party

Saturday 17 April

13:00 Rodrigo Mallea Lira and Ylva Ogland

14:00 Michel Auder

15:00 Pause

16:00 Judith Hopf in conversation with Sladja Blazan

17:00 Jan Freuchen

Oslo Speculations will take place at the UKS, Lakkegata 55D, Oslo

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