

NEW EXHIBITION AT THE

AUSTRIAN CULTURAL FORUM NEW YORK

## OPEN SPACE UNCURATED 09 AUSTRIAN ARTISTS IN THE US ON CREATIVE MIGRATION

April 15 to May 14, 2009

This spring, the Austrian Cultural Forum New York is launching its new exhibition concept, OPEN SPACE UNCURATED, as an annual event.

For one month, young Austrian artists living in the USA and working in a variety of genres will show works on the theme of CREATIVE MIGRATION at the Austrian Cultural Forum. The common thread is an exploration of the motivations and reasons that prompted these artists and creators to choose the USA as a creative environment.

Migration has always been an important social parameter in the USA, and in Austria as well. Cities like Vienna and New York both owe their unique charm and cultural attraction to their reputation as a melting pot.

As the title OPEN SPACE UNCURATED indicates, the exhibition is conceived without any curatorial intervention. More than thirty artists from various disciplines responded to the Cultural Forum's call for contributions and submitted their projects. An expert jury including artists, art managers, musicians and academics, was assigned the task of selecting the most interesting works for potential interdisciplinary collaboration.

The objective of the OPEN SPACE UNCURATED project is to break away from museum-style exhibition patterns by giving the artists as much freedom as possible to present their work according to their own ideas.

### ARTISTS (in alphabetical order):

Christoph Pepe AUER

Patrizia FERRARA

Walter FISCHBACHER

Zipora FRIED

Johannes GIRARDONI

Anja HITZENBERGER

Visiting Artist Michael HÖPFNER

Patrick KLAUSS

Melanie MAAR

Maria NECKAM

Maria PETSCHNIG

Annette SONNEWEND

Astrid STEINER

Michael STRASSER



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**Exhibition dates: April 14, 2009 – May 14, 2009**

**Hours: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm**

**OPEN SPACE CONCERTS:**

**Monday April 20, 7:30 pm** Christoph "Pepe" AUER & Friends  
**Thursday April 23, 7:30 pm** Maria NECKAM & Friends  
**Monday April 27, 7:30 pm** Patrizia FERRARA & Friends  
**Wednesday April 29, 7:30 pm** Walter FISCHBACHER & Band PHISHBACHER

**OPEN SPACE PERFORMANCES:**

**Tuesday April 21, 7:00 pm** Melanie MAAR, Maria PETSCHNIG, Annette SONNEWEND,  
and Michael STRASSER  
**Thursday April 23, 9:30 pm** Astrid STEINER and Gene Pritsker

**Producer:** Andreas Stadler

**Project Coordinator:** Natascha Boojar

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Maria Simma

**A special thank you to the members of the jury:**

Barbara BRYAN, Chase GRANOFF, Franz HACKL, Christopher JUST, Mel MERIO, Katharina POSCH,  
Tina PRESCHITZ, Serge SPITZER, Elga WIMMER, Bettina ZERZA & Joseph ZUTELGTE.

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