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 STRASSE
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

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