# Igor Samolet

selected works



Igor Samolet is a Russian artist, born in 1984, Kotlas, in 2013 graduated from The Rodchenko Art School (Moscow). In his works Samolet turns to the nature of human relationships, refracting and viewing it through social, political and digital filters. All his projects have complex dramaturgy: from comedy, reminiscent of the sitcom, to the true dramatic personality, which is often marginal or considered as such due to the new Russian social norms that have replaced the short-term freedom of speech and self-expression. Samolet interprets the image of a modern person through his emotional instability, showing his deep vulnerability in the global information process inside the giant digital world space, which we call post-digital. Igor Samolet began to work with «direct photo», but now he came to what he calls «performative photography»: he himself simulates situations and possible scenarios within the frame. In his last projects he uses personal photo archives to create threedimensional objects, exploring the plasticity of the image and its interaction with the form.

#### Solo exhibitions

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«Everything what we remember» 2021, Stella Art Foundation, Moscow,
2021-
Russia
2021- «Politics of Hate», сцена/szena gallery 2021, Moscow, Russia
2019 — 2020 «Energy of a mistake» (curator Anya Zaitseva), Multimedia Art
Museum, Moscow, Russia
2019 — «Dragon Head», Richter space, Scene Gallery, Moscow, Russia 31 December
2018 - 10 January 2019
2018 — «Complicated hugs», MaximBoxer Gallery, Moscow, Russia 7.12.2018
2018 — «Reciprocal accusations», Workshop Foundation of Vladimir Smirnov and
Konstantin Sorokin, Moscow, Russia 4.10.2018
2018 — «Herbarium» Circulation(s) 2018, 104 CENTQUATRE, Paris, France
2017 - «Drunk confessions» Workshop Foundation of Vladimir Smirnov and
Konstantin Sorokin, Moscow, Russia 22/12/2017
2017 — «See me more» Atelier AM ECK gallery, Dusseldorf, Germany 16/11/2017
2017 — «Sophisticated hugs» Syktyvkar, Russia
2017 - «Breakfast for Artem», curator Anya Zaitseva, («X Moscow International
Biennale Fashion and style in photography 2017»), CENTRAL EXHIBITION
HALL MANEGE, Moscow, Russia
2016 — «Herbarium», Uglich, Russia
2015 — «Herbarium», Fotodepartament, St. Petersburg, Russia
2015 — «Herbarium», curator Anya Zaitseva, MOSCOW MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (IX
Moscow International Biennale Fashion and style in photography
2015), Moscow, Russia
2015 — «Be happy - I'm happy», Bogorodskaya gallery, Moscow, Russia /Censored
and closed/
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2014 — «I live in a rosette», ROSIZO, Moscow, Russia

2012 — «Steam» VINZAVOD Art Center, Moscow, Russia

2008 — «Balcony», Gallery Shuperski, Poznan, Poland

2007 — «№7», Syktyvkar, Russia

## Group exhibitions

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2019 — «Gentle touches of digital bodies», (curated by Anastasia Albokrinova),
Victoria Gallery, Samara
2019 — «AFTER US», (curated by Vladimir Seleznev), Ural branch of the NCCA-
ROSIZO, St., Ekaterinburg, Russia
2019 — «Random dream generator», (curated by Julia Vergazova), New wing of the
Gogol House, Moscow, Russia
2019 — «faith in a deep crisis», (curated by Vera Trakhtenberg), Victoria
Gallery, Samara
(installation "Not sure if you need it, but you should know that I am taking a
bath in coniferous concentrate") 18 may - 23 june 19
2019 — «Will you be a witness? 2007/19», (curated by Katia Goryaeva), Center
for Modern Art «Factory», Moscow (installation "Santa-Barbara (Series 1721)")
18 may -11 june 19
2019 — «Ostlook Platform: How to Deal with History?» (curated by Jewgeni Roppe)
The Folklore State Centre of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia (work "Herbarium") 5 may
19
2019 — «Über Leben am Land», (curator: Verena Kaspar-Eisert) KUNST HAUS WIEN,
Vienna, Austria 23 march -25 august 2019
2018 — «sans [t]rêve et sans merci» (curator: Ivan Novikov), CUBE Moscow,
Moscow, Russia 14 fev -14 march 19
2018 — «Digital landscape», (curator: Cornelius Stiefenhofer) Havremagasinet,
Boden, Sweden (installation "Marshmallow-flavored marshmallow") 27 October 2018
- 13 Januari 2019
2018 — «Fringes», (curator: Kristina Romanova, Nail Farkhatdinov) Department of
Research Arts, Pavilion "Optics", VDNH, Moscow, Russia (installation "Waltz")
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- 2018 «Rodchenko's School. A Selection», MAMM, Moscow, Russia 2018 — «Athens Photo Festival:18», Benaki museum, Athens, Greece (work "Herbarium")
- 2018 «Ostlook Exhibition. Contemporary Photography from East» (7th Hamburg Photography Triennale, Gallery 21, Hamburg, Germany (curator by Jewgeni Roppel) (work "Herbarium")
- 2018 «Circulation(s) 2018. Festival of young European photography», 104 CENTQUATRE, Paris, France (work "Herbarium")
- 2018 «Connection. Contemporary Russian photography», Gallery Kvaka 22, Belgrade, Serbia (curated by Olga Matveeva) (installation "Mountain")
- 2018 «Familienarchiv», Theater am Steg, Baden, Austria (curator by Elena Konyushikhina) (work "Breakfast for Artem")
- 2018 «Exhibition of nominees for the Innovation Award 2018», The National Lenin Library, Moscow, Russia (curator by Alexander Burenkov)
- 2017 «Rodchenko School. New Generation of Russian Art. Photography and multimedia», RINZINGER PROJEKTE, Vienna, Austria (curator by Olga Sviblova) [work "Breakfast for Artem"]
- 2017- «Rehearsals of pleasure / and other conditions», Regina gallery, Moscow, Russia
- 2017 «Orgy of things» Workshop Foundation of Vladimir Smirnov and Konstantin Sorokin, curator Vladimir Logutov and Ilya Samorukov, Moscow, Russia
- 2016 «New spread», The Lumiere Brothers Center for Photography, Moscow, Russia (books "be happy")
- 2016 «Dialogs», Syktyvkar, Russia
- 2016 «About SR. 10 years of Rodchenko's school» MAMM, Moscow, Russia
- 2016 «Night of Photography», Tbilisi, Georgia
- 2016 «Only non-official language», VINZAVOD Art Center, Moscow, Russia
- 2016 «F/STOP 2016 Festival for Photography», Baumwollspinnerei, Leipzig,
- Germany (25. June 3. Jule)

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2016 — «Arkhangelsk Photo Festival», Arkhangelsk, Russia (20 May – June)
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2016 — «Territory», Railway Museum, Riga Photomonth 2016, Riga, Latvia

2015 — «Something is up», Brewhouse art-center, Special Progects The 6th Moscow Biennale of contemporary art, Moscow, Russia

2015 — «Trends», NEW WING of Gogol House, Special Progects The 6th Moscow

Biennale of contemporary art, Moscow, Russia

2015 — «Paths», Hilger next gallery, Vienna, Austria

2015 — «Construction. Photography in search of approach», Photoparade in Uglich, Russia

2015 — «Competitive Exhibition Photomania 2015», Festival "Baltic Biennale of Photography", Kaliningrad, Russia

2015 — «The Smell Of Dust» Brazil, France, Italy, Switzerland, Netherlands

2014 — «Troublemakers» Flakon, Moscow, Russia

2014 - «SNOECKSshow» Schipperskappel, Brugge, Belgium

2012-2016 — «Mooseberry. International plein air» Syktyvkar, Russia

2014 — «Young Russian Photography» Norilsk, Syktyvkar, Russia

2014 — «Generation START», ManifestalO, St. Petersburg, Russia

2014 — «Inventing everyday life» Manifesta10, St. Petersburg, Russia

2014 — «Twelve thinking photographers» Manifesta10, St. Petersburg, Russia

2013 - «Most», Slubice, Poland

2013 — «Five» Gallery HilgerNEXT, Vienna, Austria

2013 - «To See» Fotodepartament, St. Petersburg, Russia

2013 — «Fotobase» All Russian Decorative Art Museum, Moscow, Russia

2013 — «Distance» Fabrika, Moscow, Russia

2013 — «The happy end» MAMM, Moscow, Russia

2012 - «Closed during restorations. Internal works» ARTPLAY, Moscow, Russia

### Everything what we remember. 2021-2022

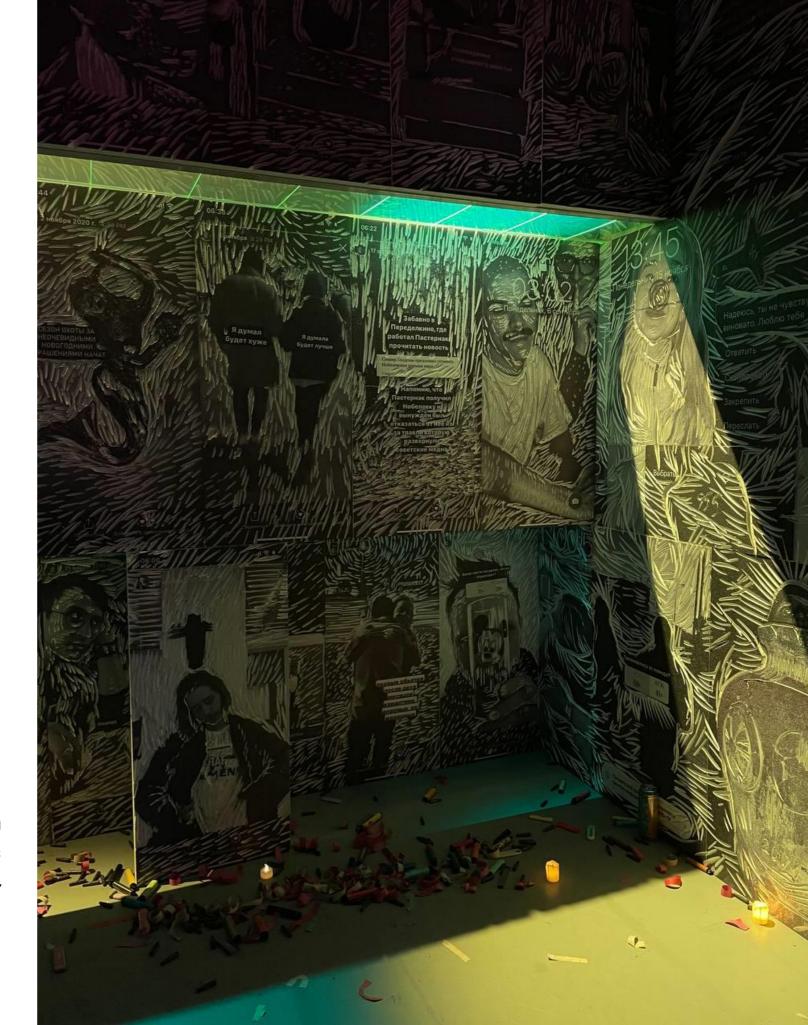
Stella Art Foundation, Moscow, Russia

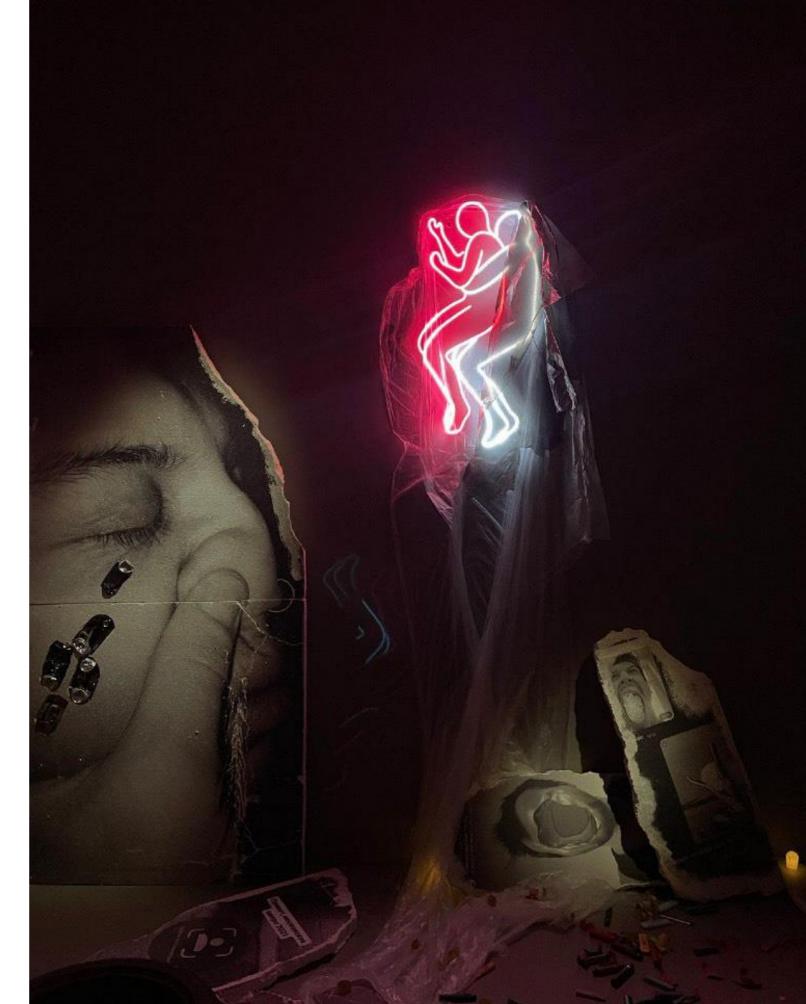
In the new project Igor Samolet presents a fantastic urban landscape of a distant catastrophic future. The main hall of the foundation will turn into a dilapidated ruin of a mysterious religious building, standing in the middle of a littered wasteland. The walls of the building are covered with documentation of images from the author's "stories" on social networks - a short-term message format in which the content lives no more than a day. Inside the abandoned "chapel of memory" we will hear a robotic recitative to the sound of dying planets. The lyrics to this song are the letters found inside the "memory capsules" laid at the end of the twentieth century, the contents of which the author has been collecting over the past few years. In these notes, people of the past turn to us in the present, envy us and fantasize about the utopian future in which we now live. To these documents, Airplane adds the words of his contemporaries, inviting them to present an image of the distant future and leave a message to posterity. Around the forgotten memorial lies a variety of trash: things abandoned by the people of the future, as if in a hurry left the planet, digital garbage and other artifacts of the cult and life of dead civilizations.

Choosing an ironic form of post-apocalyptic fiction, Igor Samolet points us to the state of the day with extraordinary insight. Working within the framework of the documentary genre, by means of recording an Internet diary, the author is looking for signs of social change in moments of personal history. Analyzing the collective digital body, the artist captures the moment of transition of how an event that is important only for the personal history of an individual person suddenly becomes important for many and turns out to be the leitmotif of a whole generation.









Everything what we remember #2

flexible neon, 2022 90x47 cm





Everything what we remember #1

flexible neon, 2022 90x47 cm

#### Politics of Hate. 2021

сцена/szena gallery, Moscow, Russia

Since the moment Igor Samolet chose 'content production' as his creative method, his viewers are left with a constant feeling of celebration. Samolet sees himself as a documentarist, capturing 'everyday digital culture', as it is now one and the same with the contents of our messengers. Though Samolet doesn't use the images of others, ... and carefully selects the most suitable screenshots, his installations possess the effect of instant recognition: we are the ones that are late, that argue and discuss, we hug and joke. We are the liberals and 'snowflakes', we are the ones afraid of repressions and loneliness, it is our phone that is constantly ringing. No wonder that whilst viewing Igor's installations we feel as though we are part of a certain flow and resource.

In his new project, Igor wants to put the "flow" on pause, and check the "content" in accordance with our era, not individual reactions. "Screenshots appeared as a form that pushes the content," the artist explains his choice of black and white print: "I wanted to reduce their appeal, in order to concentrate on the important things". In the first hall Samolet shows full colour images of wounded spaces and people: the house of the commander of Rechlag in Vorkuta, burn marks, ruins on the Government House in Abkhazia. In the second hall- a 19 meter abstract canvas assembled from a "screenshot diary", yet they are now not only black and white, but also in ruins- their surface is now decorated with expressive cuts. Each part-hall is connected through sound: an artificial voice reciting comments underneath instagram posts that have triggered the most aggressive and acute reaction in the past months.

I believe that these texts are the physical force which demolishes the comfortable space of the personal image, I/WE (Samolet is all of us) can think that we exist in a circle of like-minded people, and the sole fact of communication overcomes hatred, but we cannot seriously believe that our smartphones (being the everyday, also being a brain) - a zone autonomous from it's politics. "Suffering and hatred connects us", believes the artist, and today, with the help of those in power, interested in various diversions of attention, people fly towards "artificial points, which gather the collective consciousness" with the conviction of moths. Comments, the collective voice of a mechanism of repression, are part of public life in a time identified by Samolet as an age of "digital dictatorship". The artist believes that in the near future there won't be repressions of the old kind, based on the use of physical force, and instead they will introduce methods of "defeat in digital rights: you won't be able to buy a ticket, ride the metro", people will be forced out of large cities "into non-digitized lands", Samolet assures: "why beat someone up if you can just turn everything off?". A number of angry comments can easily be imagined as an instrument of digital ostracization through downgrading of an individual rating.

The transformation of screenshots into abstraction and attention to the traces of the past, for Samolet, is also an exercise in the creation of ruins of the contemporary. The "dairy-like" characteristic of his last projects, "will be interesting if we reach a digital dictatorship", says Samolet. In his exhibition "Energy of a mistake" Samolet used fragments of a real diary of schoolboy Oleg Chernevsky, the father of which was falsely accused. The artist is sure, age of the Big Terror "isn't worked through, it's still with us", "it is a very strange feeling when you're walking through the Rechlag and reading the news- someone lost their citizenship because of a joke they made, someone was sent to prison because of a comment". It is quite easy to imagine a future

in which our (and Samolet-is all of us) screenshots will be kept as a cloudy "Memorial". Let us assume that in this future Samolet will have to return to street-photography, and his audience will look at them the same way they would look at albums of Kabakov and Pivovarov in the 1970's, or read like Ovid's "Letters from the Black Sea", exiled by analog dictator Augustus from the large city to a sparsely populated province of the empire.

Valentin Dyakonov

NLOPF

Политика ненависти

ненависть, но мы не можем всерьез считать свои смартфоны (они же повседнев ность, они же мозг) зоной автономии от ее политики. «Горе и ненависть объединяют», считает художник, и люди сегодня с помощью заинтересованных в разнообразных отвлечениях властей с убежденностью мотыльков летят на «искусственные точки, в которые собирают национальное сознание». Коммен тарии, коллективный голос репрессивного аппарата, являются частью общественной жизни в эпоху, обозначаемую Самолетом как «цифровая диктатура». Художник считает, что в ближайшем будущем не будет репрессий старого типа основанных на применении физической силы, а вместо них введут «поражение в цифровых правах: не сможещь купить билет, ездить в метро». Из городовмиллионников «людей будут выталкивать в неоцифрованные края» уверен Самолет: «зачем кого-то бить, если можно просто все отключить?». Количество злобных комментариев можно легко представить себе как инструмент цифрового остракизма через понижение инпивилуального рейтинга

Превращение скриншота в абстракцию и внимание к следам прошлого является для Самолета еще и упражнением в руинировании современности Дневниковость, характерная для его последних проектов, «будет интересна, если мы придем к цифровой диктатуре», говорит художник. На выставке «Энергия ощибки» (2019) в МАММ-МДФ Самолет использовал фрагменты

реального дневника 1936-1937 годов школьника Олега Черневского, отца которого репрессировали по сфабрикованному обвинению. Эпоха Большого Террора «не проработана, она идет с нами», уверен художник: «Это очень странное ощущение, когда прогуливаешься по Речлагу и читаешь новости — кого-то лишили гражданства за шутку, кого-то посадили за комментарий». Представить себе будущее, в котором наши (а Самолет — это мы) скриншоты будут храниться облачным «Мемориалом», довольно просто. Позволим себе предположить, что в этом будущем Самолету придется вернуться к стритфотографии, а зрителям смотреть их, как альбомы Кабакова и Пивоварова в 1970-е, или читать, как «Письма с Понта» Овидия, сосланного аналоговым диктатором Августом из горола-стотьствчика в малолюциую провывним вижгатором Августом из горола-стотьствчика в малолюциую провынимо империм.

ВАЛЕНТИН

**ЛЬЯКОНОЕ** 

Выражаем особую благодарность фонду поддержки современного искусства «Сфера» за техническое содействие в проекте Игоря Самолета «Политика ненависти»

С тех пор, как Игорь Самолет сделал своим творческим методом «производство контента», посетителей его выставок не покидало ощущение праздника. Самолет видит себя документалистом, фиксирующим «культуру цифровой повседневности», а она теперь совпадает с содержанием наших перепиок в мессенджерах. И хотя Самолет не использует чужие фотографии (за реднай цими исключениями, одно из которых представлено на выставке но важно ли знать, какой именно объект сам Самолет не видел? И и щительно открает ли знать, какой именно объект сам Самолет не видел? И и щительно открает самые подходящие скрины из сохраненки, его инсталляции вызывают чество самые подходящие скрины из сохраненки, его инсталляции вызывают чество самые подходящие скрины из сохраненки, его инсталляции вызывают чество самые подходящие скрины из сохраненки, его инсталляции вызывают чество самые подходящие скрины из сохраненки, его инсталляции вызывают чество самые подходящие скрины из сохраненки, его инсталляции вызывают чество самые подходящие скрины из сохраненки, его инсталляции вызывают чество самые подходящие скрины из сохраненки, его инсталляции вызывают чество самые подходящие скрины из сохраненки, его инсталляции вызывают чество самые подходящие скрины из сохраненки, его инсталляции вызывают чество.

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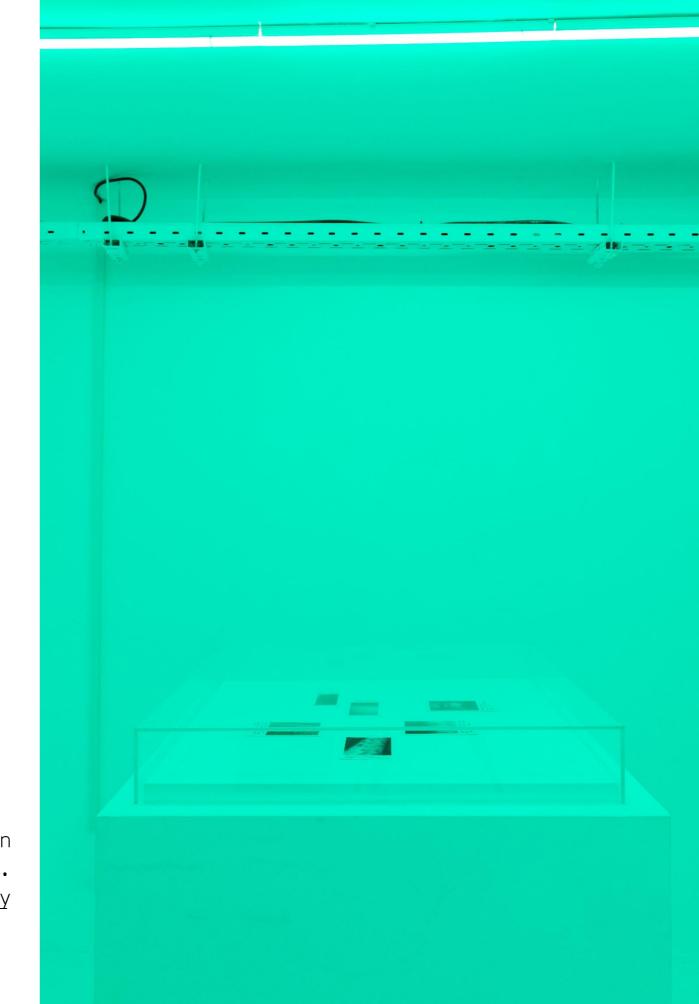
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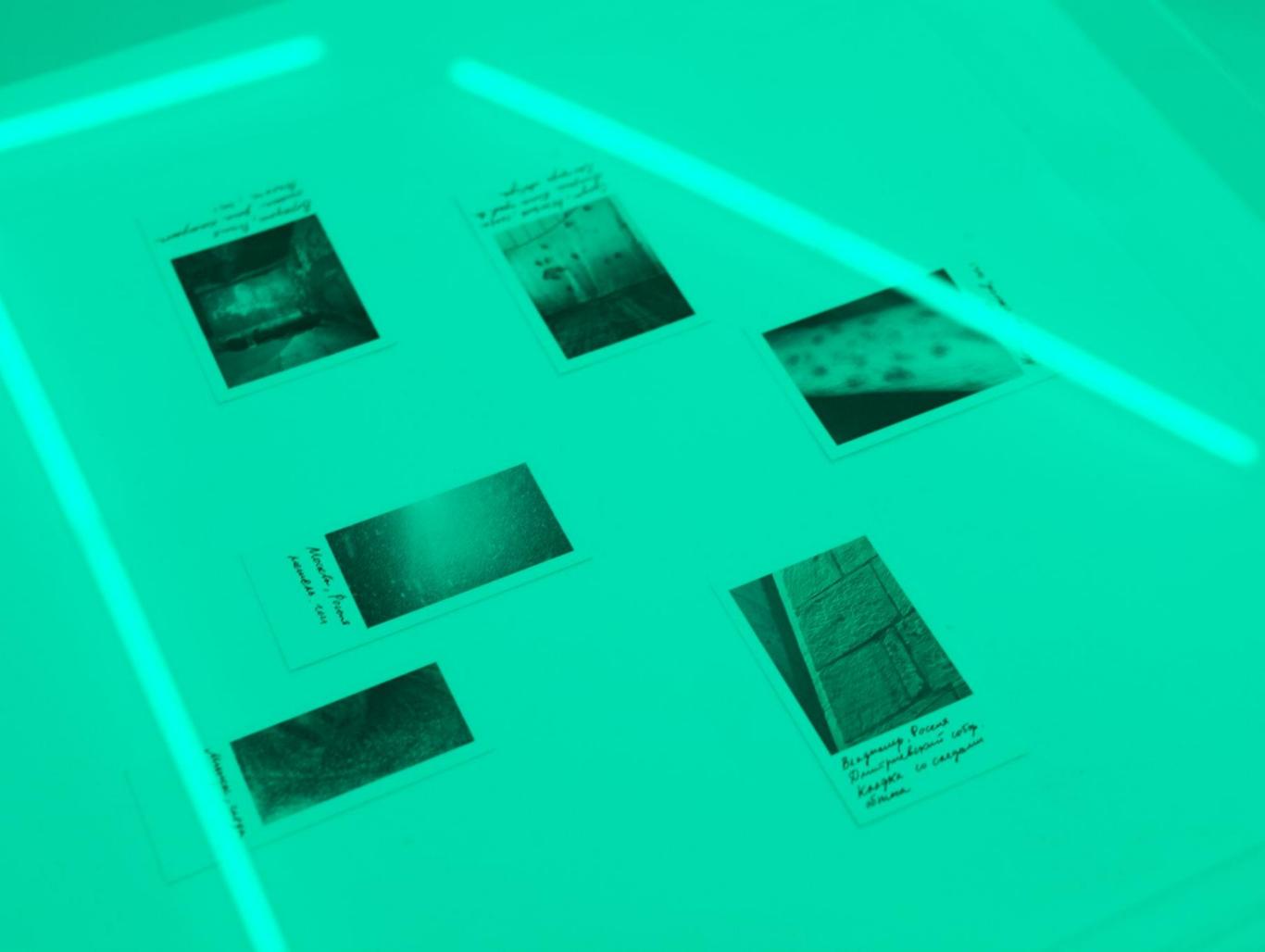
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В новом проекте Игорь хочет поставить нем реакции.

В новом проекте Игорь хочет поставить нем реакции в монительным реакции в соответствие самой эпохе, а не индивидуальным реакции в монительной которая пережимала солержаниех объесная ворятельной которая пережимала солержаниех объесная ворятельной которая пережимала солержаниех объесная в монительной которая пережимала солержание в монительной в перемом запечати в монительной доле в перемом запечата решам в монительной доле в проезды доле которого стал дляевия которого стал для которого стал дляевия которого стал для

















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Untitled. wood printing, 2021, 90x100 cm

## At the stroke of midnight. 2021

сцена/szena gallery, Moscow, Russia

A ritual belongs to symbolic forms of behavior, and the process of a structured production of hidden meanings makes a ritual akin to artistic practice.

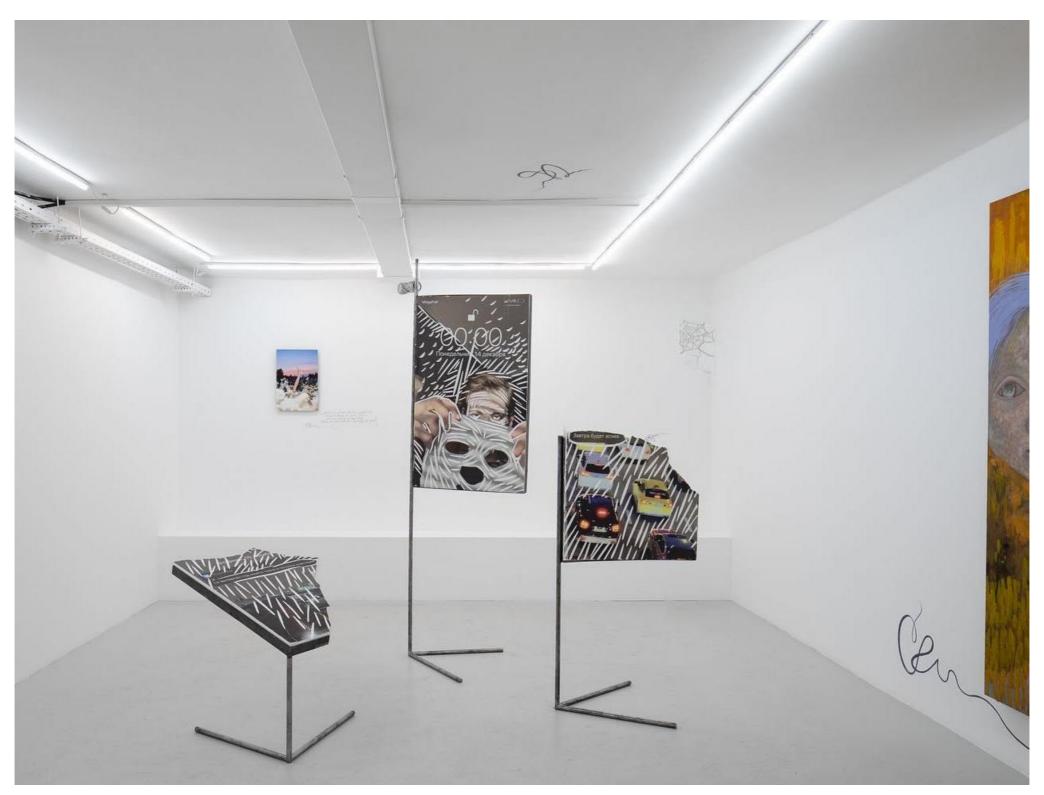
We can trace the connection between the creation of a strong, existential work and a timeline, regulating the routine, appears. In the contemporary disorienting world the ritual gives us tranquility, due to it's appearing simplicity, naivety, and availability of knowledge. It also lets us arrange the everyday in a way that subjugates life, with its domestic expenses, freeing time and resources for work of the mind. It should be noted, that these practices, and the belief in the influence of unseen and unmeasurable energies is sustained due to the fact that, to a certain extent, they are effective if truly believed. But is there a connection between ritual and artistic practice?

The ritual rarely manifests itself to the viewer through a mystical sacrament, sometimes it is hidden from the wider public altogether. The artist may allude to the ritual through objects and materials, used in their work, through adopted symbols and principles of ceremonials, form and pattern, they can create personal mythologies and embed their practices into discourse. Just as our everyday life is laced with an invisible web of rituals, art is inextricably connected with the field of intuitive archaic knowledge.

As a work of art is created, as when a ritual is carried out, a special plane of matter is constructed-a semiotic double of reality. Symbolic forms of behaviour hold a higher power over people in comparison to natural forms, ritual endows this sistem with meanings which it possibly doesn't carry. This

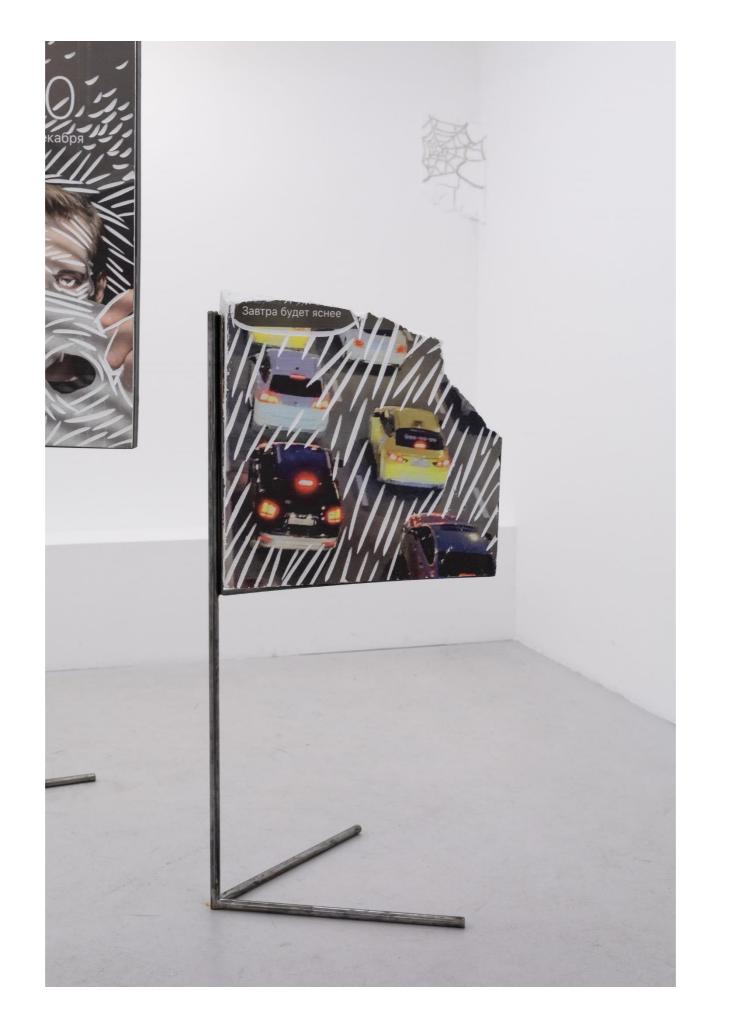
is where the duality of all phenomena comes from, the ability to be one thing in the everyday, and completely other in the artistic plane. This duality provides a surprisingly fast shift from the commonplace to the value of ritual and the processes in art itself. Therefore, the embedding of rituals into artistic practice restores the transcendental status of the rituals of everyday life.

Daria Yartseva



«It will be clearer tomorrow». Expanded polystyrene, gypsum, metal, 2020, сцена/szena gallery, ч.1: 210х63х58 см, ч.2: 138х63х55 см, ч.3: 65х62х65 см





# More often than from home. 2020

Komsomolskaya metro stop, Moscow, Russia

A special project of the VII Moscow International Biennale of Young Art and the Moscow Transport Museum.

The authors of the idea: Alexey Novoselov and Inna Gans





«More often than from home», 2020, installation, Komsomolskaya metro stop, Moscow

# Energy of a mistake. 2019-2020

Multimedia Art Museum, Moscow, Russia

All of the artist's projects are characterized by a complex dramaturgy: from comedy to genuine dramatism. Samolet interprets the image of the contemporary person through emotional fragility, showing that vulnerability inside a gigantic digital space. Screen culture dictates new rules of the game and algorithms for interpersonal interactions: 'live' human communication has given way to social networks and various chats, intonations have been replaced with emoji, and faces are replaced with masks in Snapchat and Instagram.

A new reality demands a new visual language. Igor Samolet calls his pieces 'content of the form': these are screenshots of the artist's phone screen which include playlists, news, messenger conversations, selfies with Instagram and Snapchat masks, and Facebook posts — anything that he liked, that caught his attention, or that seemed important. The author shows how a screenshot can become a kind of 'deciding moment': a new form or genre in photography.

This installation of fabric and other light materials on which the artist's everyday smartphone content is 'composed' in the form of screenshots symbolises the ephemerality of digital space, lacking physical parametres, from which each of us nevertheless 'sews virtual clothing.'

Igor Samolet considers himself part of the '20:20' (twenty-twenty) generation of artists. This term, which refers us to the tradition of noticing and screening double numbers on our phone's clocks while making a wish, is the artist's invention. The generation of artists who came of age in the era of neural networks, news aggregators and social network algorithms is reimagining

the fundamental problems of human existence: freedom, happiness, faith and self-identification in digital reality, while modelling possible versions of its development with an accent on its most problematic aspects — for example, the appearance of seemingly harmless entertainment applications that quietly collect social network users' personal data a la Big Brother from George Orwell's '1984.' In Igor Samolet's installation, the troubling feeling of an external presence is manifest through surveillance cameras, which have become one of the symbols of contemporary civilisation. Their endless blinking lets us know: 'Big Brother is watching you!'

By placing visitors inside his field of communication, the artist forces them to think about the problem of privacy in the digital era. Personal data have become goods, while our desires, tastes and preferences are precious material for market researchers at global corporations who analyse our search queries and offer services for any taste.

Unlike the traditions of post-modernism that hide the artist's identity behind a wall of quotes, Igor Samolet's 'Energy of a Mistake' is as personal as possible. In the exhibit title, the artist unveils the essence of his creative method: 'A mistake, which creates imperfection, personalises experience and makes it interesting in the process. All of my responses are personalised: I use my daily experience as foothold in the creation of my work. In describing my reaction, I describe the time in which I live and discover myself as a participant in global processes.'

In essence, the exhibit is Igor Samolet's diary, expanded in space. On its pages and in its screenshots, engaging his circle of friends and audiences in the discussion, the artist asks one of the most important questions that interest humanity over time: how can we be happy in our historical given

#### circumstances?

The effect of a virtual diary is repeatedly strengthened thanks to the actual paper diaries of a Moscow school boy, Oleg Chernevsky, from 1936—1937, included in the exhibit from the archives of the International Memorial Society, which are unique historical evidence of one of the most tragic periods in Soviet history. The teenager wrote about the arrests, public trials and shootings that concerned his family: Oleg's father, Vsevolod Chernevsky, was arrested on 15 November 1937 on charges of participating in a military conspiracy. These entries are side-by-side in his journal with stories about successes at school, his classmates, purchases, trips to the movies, New Year celebrations, and experiences of being in love: everything that fills the daily life of any person and allows them to find reasons to rejoice in the most difficult conditions.

We thank the International Memorial for providing Oleg Chernevsky's journals.

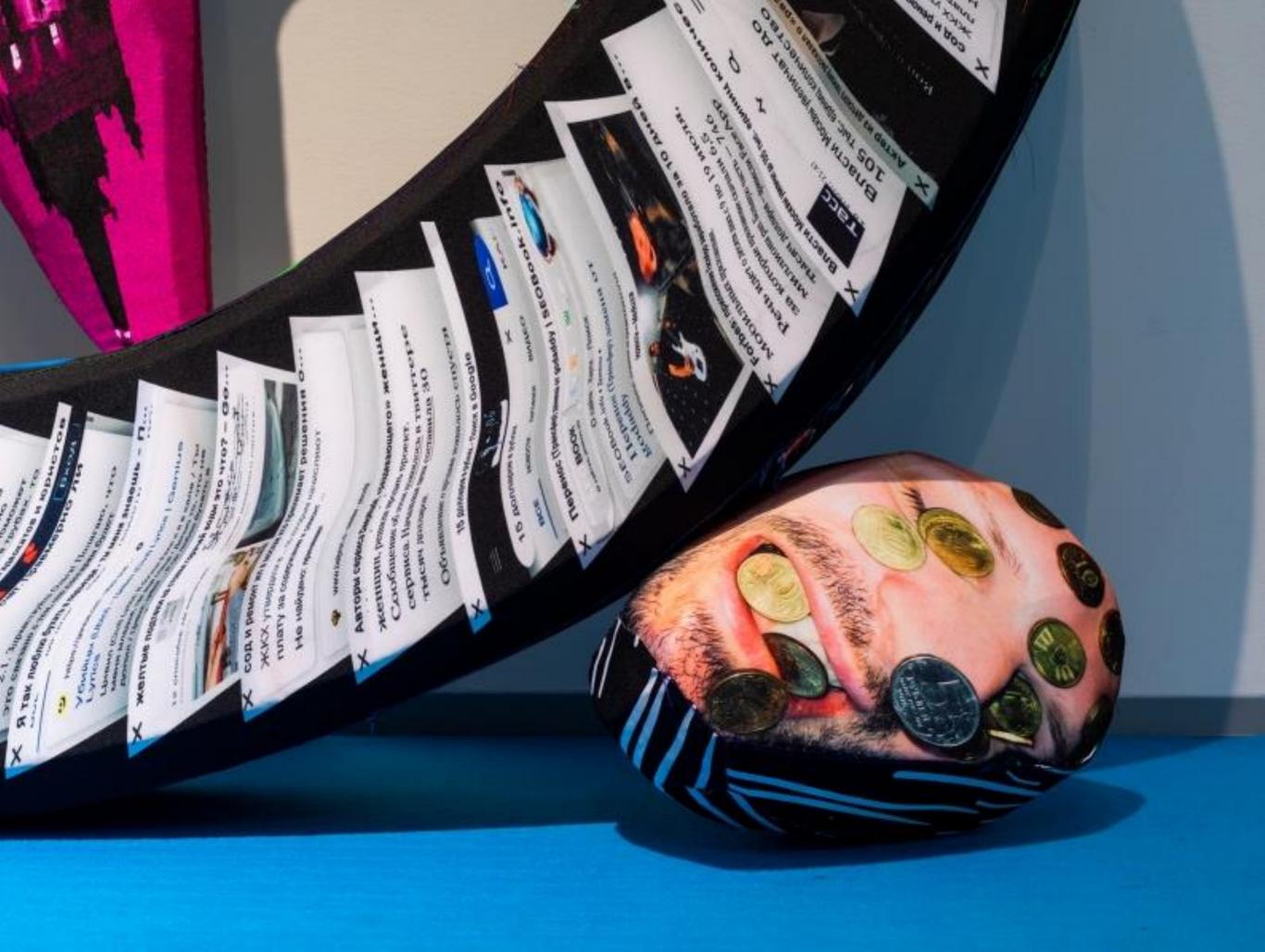












### Drunk confessions. 2017

The Foundation of Vladimir Smirnov and Konstantin Sorokin, Moscow, Russia

It always seemed to me that I feel more than what is depicted on a photo. This new work is a try to collect all my photo archives into a form that destroys the narrating structure of the photography and converts a two-dimensional picture into a volume. This is interesting as a broadening of possibilities of photography's medium, and opens a new scope for mobility of photography

A photo still fixates an occasion, but cuts an emotional trail of the author. I am interested in going away from documentary towards a subjective interpretation of a moment. Here I am working not only with my photographs, but also with that media trail that I have left in neural networks for the past five years (commentary, memes, posts): all these are the body of our media presence.

The basic theme of all my photo stories (be happy, fuck-sex-love, Summer of an anarchist, The main thing, Breakfast for Artem, Steam and others) is the nature of people's relationships. That is why they are the confessions, and they are drunk, - that is the condition when our feelings are imperfect and our gestures inaccurate. So we can see a little bit more.

PS: A part of the work is a New Year's party, where everyone must have their own drunk confessions.





Tower «Dancing»

printing on fabric, styrofoam 2017 75x75x260 cm





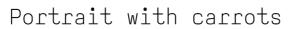


Drunk confessions. Printing on fabric, 2017, 80x120x3 cm

### Herbarium. 2013 - 2017

I started to shoot this project in a small village on the North of Russia. It has to be said that in Russia almost every family owns a land alongside their city apartment. On that land they have a vegetable garden to cultivate vegetables, flowers, and fruits. This tradition appeared during the Soviet times and it goes on since then, as it is believed that vegetables cultivated by your own effort are more ecological. Such a land is called dacha and usually life is a full swing there only in summer. My family's garden is in a village that was abandoned due to lack of workplaces in the countryside. The houses were sold, and one of them became our dacha. I found a bunch of old photos on the attic of the people that had lived in that house. The photos were taken in the 60s. It was interesting to look through them and to guess the lives of the portrayed guys and girls. I felt like I wanted to give those photos a new life, to continue the story of the village. It was time to reap a harvest, and the process of working on the land hit me upon an idea of going back to the roots, to the history of that place. The idea of earth nourishing plants, as well as the past nourishing the future, was as natural as connecting my self-portraits with the old shots. That is how I wanted to become closer to that place and to continue its chronicles. I gave my self-portraits different feelings, from mystical to funny, which filled my life in the countryside. Covering the face with masks from the nature's materials, I wanted to be lost in the environment to feel better the place.

Herbarium. 2013-2015



Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2013 70x46,5 cm





Portrait with rowanberries

Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2013 70x46,5 cm



Portrait with bark

Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper,2013 Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper,2013 70x46,5 cm



Portrait with roots

70x46,5 cm



Portrait with cucumbers

Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2013 70x46,5 cm



Maxim and deer

Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2015
70x46,5 cm

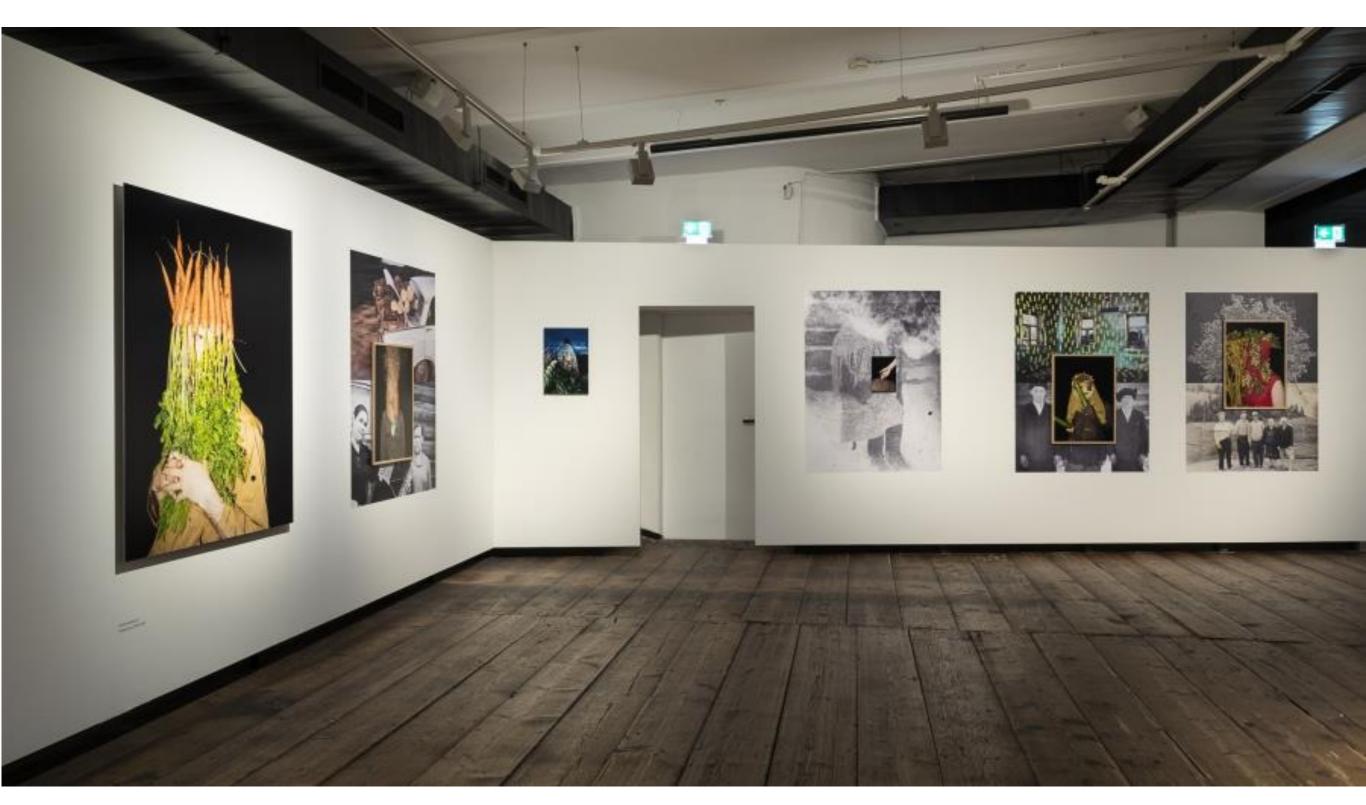


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Friendship with ants

Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2015 Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2015 70x46,5 cm 70x46,5 cm



«Über Leben am Land», (curator: Verena Kaspar-Eisert) KUNST HAUS WIEN, Vienna, Austria (23 march -25 august 2019) Photo: Eva Kelety











Igor Sam







International Biennale Fashion and style in photography 2015), Moscow, Russia

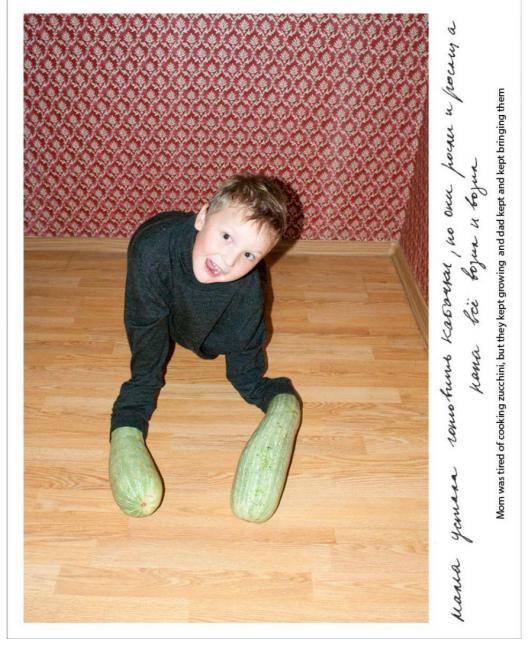
# Breakfast for Artem. 2016-2018

These photos became part of the relationship between Igor and his nephew Artyom. Brought up in the age of neural networks, Artyom was captivated by anything bright and short, before his gaze was riveted once again to the flickering screen. Igor devised situations in which physical interaction with the environment helped acquire a new emotional experience, without a screen. In simple terms this is called playing, although ultimately it turned into a crusade against Fixiki, Superman and Cars where Igor had to be more interesting and funnier than they were. Sometimes it worked.



Bathroom. Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2016, 18x24 cm





Potato

Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2016, 18x24 cm

Zucchini

Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2016, 18x24 cm



The juice. Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2016, 18x24 cm



Loaf

Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2016, 18x24 cm

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The French are marching on Wednesday



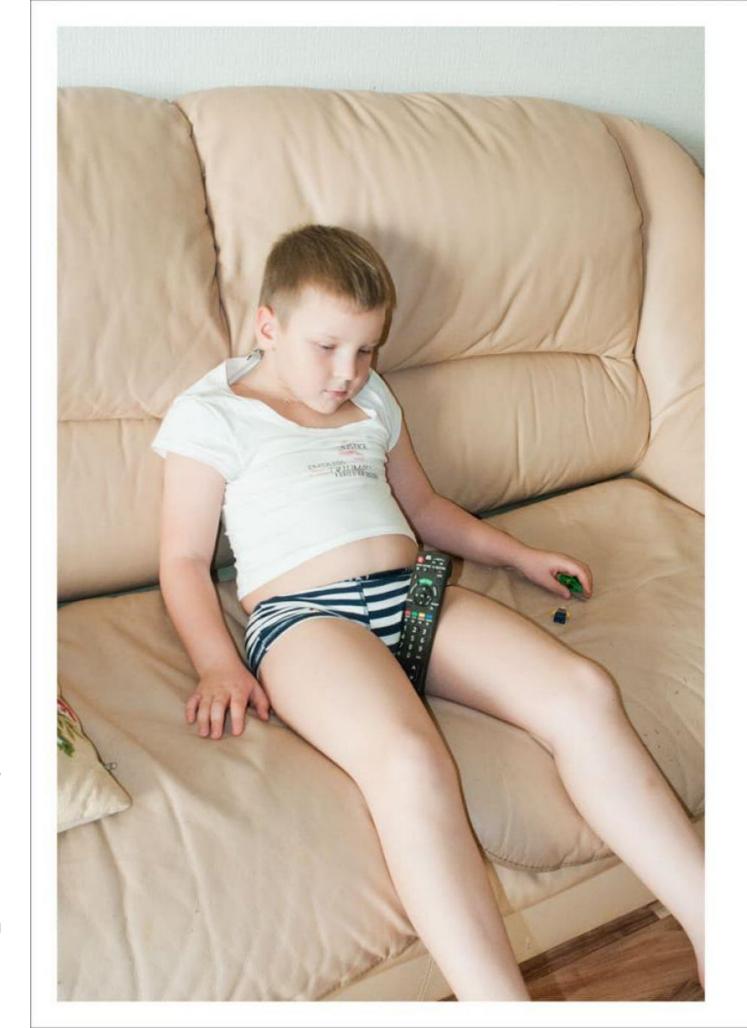


### Underpants

Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2016, 18x24 cm

### Carrot

Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2016, 18x24 cm



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Fine art print on hahnemuhle paper, 2016, 18x24 cm

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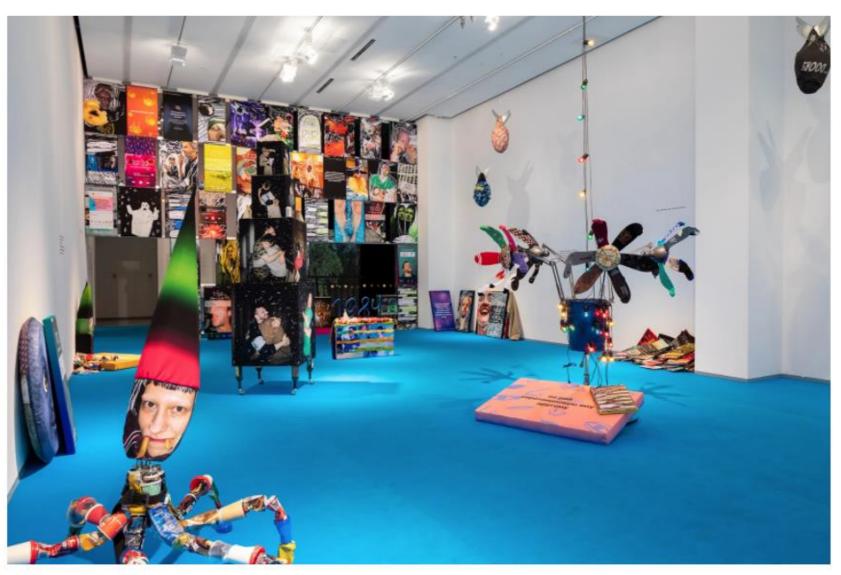


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# «Энергия ошибки» Игоря Самолета в МАММ

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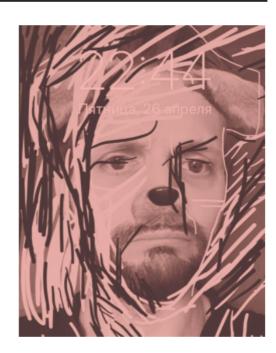


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# «ЭНЕРГИЯ ОШИБКИ» В МАММ: СКРИНШОТЫ И БОЛЬШОЙ БРАТ – ИНТЕРВЬЮ С ХУДОЖНИКОМ ИГОРЕМ САМОЛЕТОМ



Заметили, как виртуальное пространство стало определять нашу повседневность? Российский художник **Игорь Самолет** стал исследовать эту сферу, переехав из родного города Котласа (Архангельская область) в Москву, когда попал в новое информационное поле.

Он окончил Школу Родченко, дважды провёл персональные выставки в Мультимедиа Арт Музее под кураторством одной из **влиятельных девушек** в российском искусстве Анны Зайцевой. Впоследствии экспозиции побывали в Париже, Вене, Гамбурге и Афинах. С 2018 года он — участник грантовой программы Музея современного искусства «Гараж», а в 2019 — лауреат премии для молодых художников Credit Suisse и Cosmoscow.

До 2 февраля в МАММ проходит его выставка **«Энергия ошибки»**, где художник рассматривает современную визуальную систему в сравнении с прошлыми формами и человеческие отношения через фильтры соцсетей.

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Die PHOTONEWS Dezember 2021 / Januar 2022 wurde wenige Tage nach Paris Photo gedruckt und ist inhaltlich zum Teil von der Messe geprägt. Heute kommen uns diese "Rencontres de Paris" mit den Besucherscharen fast surreal vor. Aber es hat in dieser Pandemie-Zeit auch mal gut getan, neue Arbeiten zu entdecken und Menschen "live" kennenzulernen. Das spiegeln im Heft die Portfolios von María María Acha-Kutscher, Gosette Lubondo und Anastasia Samoylova wider. Außerdem erzählen wir wie üblich anhand von Einzelbildern einige (Verkaufs) Geschichten der Messe. Dagegen widmen sich die Ausstellungsbesprechungen Angeboten in Deutschland: Hildeghard Heise in Hamburg, True Pictures? in Braunschweig, Hannover, Wolfsburg sowie "Facing Britain" in Darmstadt. World Press Photo richtet sich neu aus, Gunda Schwantje konnte dazu die neue Geschäftsführerin Joumana El Zein Khoury interviewen. In weiteren Interviews spechen Peter Bialobrzeski über seine Diary-Buchreihe sowie Henriette Väth-Hinz über den Nachlass ihres Mannes Volker Hinz, der von der BSB erworben wurde. Außerdem im Heft: Portfolio von Tomas Engel ...

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Снимая на камеру свои игры с племянником, Игорь Самолет задумался о том, что такое семейная фотография и почему она не распространена в России.

«Завтрак для Артема» — это часть общения Игоря Самолета с племянником. Воспитанный в эпоху интернета, Артем увлекается ярко, но коротко — а после вновь приковывает взгляд к экрану. Игорь старался придумать ситуации, чтобы отвлечь Артема от экрана. «Попростому это называется "поиграть", но в итоге это оборачивалось крестовым походом против Фиксиков, Супермена и Тачек. Я должен был быть интереснее и смешнее их. Иногда это мне удавалось».



### Игорь Самолет

Фотограф из города Котлас (Россия). Выпускник Школы Родченко.

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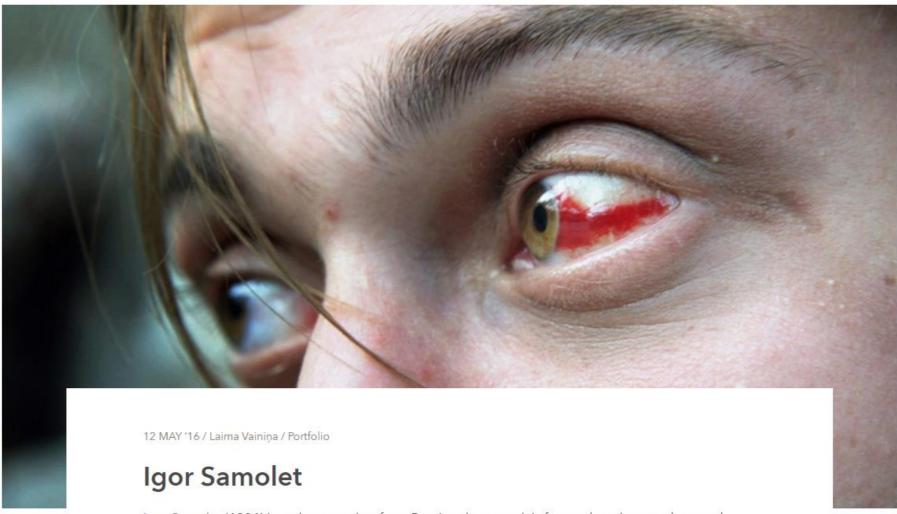
— Все мои серии появляются из жизненных обстоятельств: стихийно и наскоком. Например, в этот раз мне перепоручили племянника. Каждая работа — это когда ты проживаешь с фотоаппаратом какой-то опыт, а потом его анализируешь. В конце у тебя остается набор карточек, и ты что-то отсеиваешь, чтобы точнее этот опыт передать зрителю.

Работа «Завтрак для Артема» — точка, когда я понял, почему я снимаю и что мне интересно в фотографии. Ремесленное совершенство ушло на второй план, и появился запрос на эмоциональную убедительность. В каком то-смысле это не только заявленная история (о тяге к гаджетам), но и иллюстрация моих убеждений в фотографии.



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<u>Igor Samolet</u> (1984) is a photographer from Russia, whose work is focused on the mundane and extreme aspects in relationships. In 2013 he published his first book *be happy!* which was awarded with a silver medal at German Photobook Award 2014. Martin Parr has included this book in the anthology of the world's photobooks. The Calvert Journal mentions Samolet among the 25 photographers, who have changed the opinion about Russia. He has actively published his works and participates in the exhibitions both in Russia and abroad. Samolet is one of the seven artists, whose works are displayed in the exhibition *Territories* at the <u>Riga Photomonth 2016</u>, which will be

### Игорь Самолет о своем новом проекте «Пьяные признания»: «Я пропускаю эти истории через себя»



Подходит к концу 2017 год, который оказался очень насыщенным для мастерской Фонда Владимира Смирнова и Константина Сорокина: за 12 месяцев здесь прошло 15 выставок. Год завершается масштабным проектом Игоря Самолета «Пьяные признания». Мы поговорили с Игорем о том, что скрывается за этими признаниями, как фотография вдруг стала частью скульптуры и какое к этому имеет отношение московская реновация.

Ты известен как фотограф, но выставка, которая сейчас проходит в Фонде, включает в себя скульптуры, различные объекты и даже скрины твоих постов в социальных сетях. Даже твои фотографии напечатаны не на фотобумаге, а на ткани, которая обтягивает эти скульптуры. Довольно неожиданный ход. Как ты решился на такой эксперимент?

**Игорь Самолет**: Этот проект я сделал здесь в Фонде с нуля, и он для меня очень важен. Да, действительно изначально я занимаюсь фотографией, у меня есть множество нарративных фотоисторий. Это могут быть лирические или интимные фотографии, но в них, как правило, присутствует социальный подтекст. Хотя все это крутится вокруг природы человеческих взаимоотношений. Это терабайты фотографий, накопленных за десяток лет. Такова работа художника: например, у тебя есть две тысячи кадров, но история это всего лишь 15-20 кадров. Весь остальной материал ты обрезаешь. Все сотни кадров, которые были найдены, которые ты прожил, они просто скапливаются у тебя на жестком диске. Не по той причине, что это плохой материал, наоборот он качественный, просто история предполагает некий сжатый формат. Этот материал не давал мне покоя, его у меня очень много. Мне было интересно перевести это в абсолютно другую форму, уйти от плоской двухмерной фотографии в объемную историю. При этом сохраняется все, что мне важно. Один из ключевых вопросов моих серий это как быть счастливым. Как каждый человек решает для себя этот вопрос, какие разные интересные окрасы это принимает. Здесь я беру архитектурные формы городского типа, в этом смысле на меня повлияла поездка в Ригу. Когда ты гуляешь по городу и ищешь место, где выпить, попадаешь в какие-то переулки и скверы. Эти формы пришли оттуда. То есть они не связаны с каким-то конкретным городом, важно само ощущение теплой прогулки. Поэтому они очень камерные, с точки зрения размера они не давят на человека. Я заполняю плоскости различными сюжетами. Здесь же можно увидеть стаканчики, пустые банки, бутылки. Это то, что мы оставляем после каких-то прогулок. Здесь и мои архивы, и скриншоты с телефона, и посты с фейсбука. Это наш медиа след, медиа тело, то, как мы присутствуем в этих нейросетях.

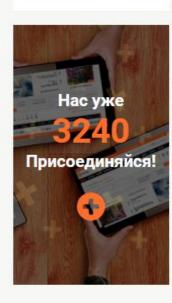
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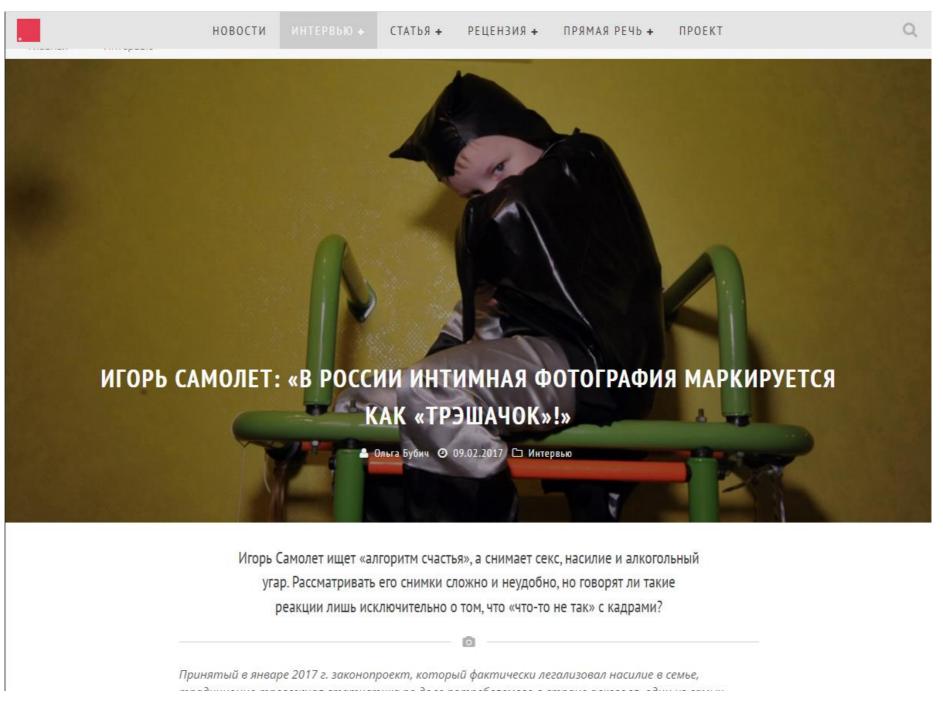
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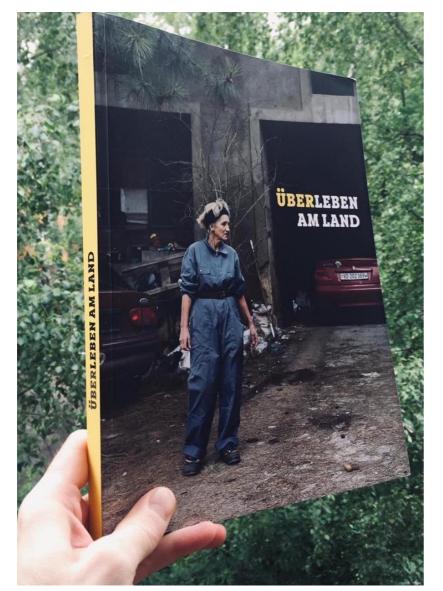




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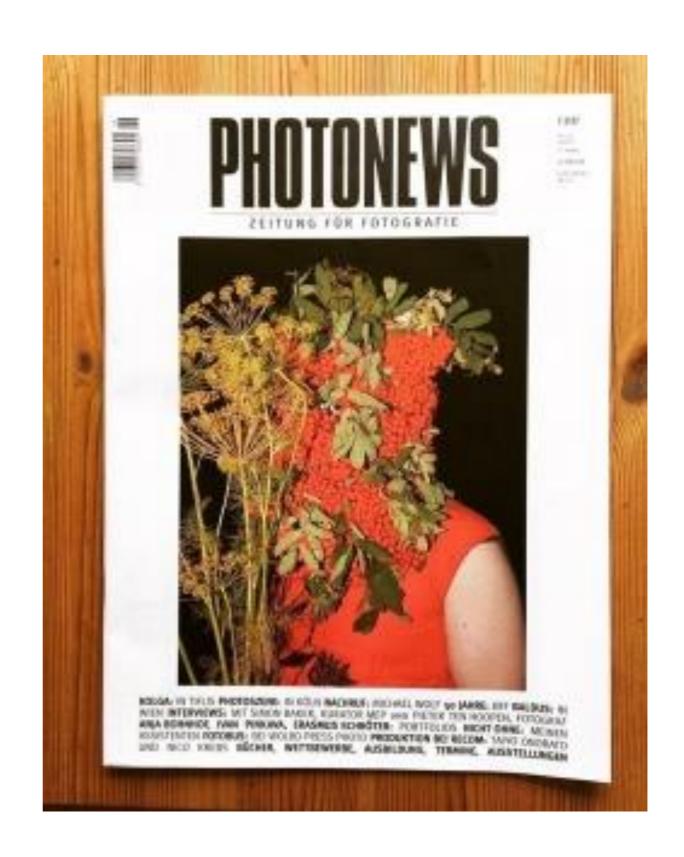
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