

what now / now what

These two simple words are questioning the present state of our existence as humans, society, civilization. Here we open the debate that could set the frame for further work and thought:

What is now? What is contemporary in present-continuous tense? What is contemporary art, its audience and its role now and here?

What happens now, when we are constantly viewing, posting, sharing, co-existing, co-producing, co-creating and reaching a state of living that eludes the very principles of existence?

What now, when we can't just shut technology off?

Now what? How can we be relevant with the ever changing now?

In a world that's increasingly non-fixable, answers, solutions, alternatives can always be given, but what are those applicable to now?

SOFIA UNDERGROUND

Sofia Underground is an artist-run/independent, participatory event dedicated to serve as a platform for flexible and experimental showcasing of performance art and close contemporary art forms. Presenting works across a dynamic range of forms: live performances, presentations, lectures, screenings, exhibitions, public interventions and theme parties among other events Sofia Underground acts like a critical bridge between the local and the international art scenes, between emerging and established art practitioners, activists and enthusiasts.

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PROGRAM

26.04.2018 – Overground

@ NG / Sofia Arsenal – Museum of Contemporary Art (4 Cherni Vrah Blvd)

20:00 – What Now / Now What – exhibition opening

21:00 – Divine Design (DE) – audio-visual performance

27.04.2018 – Higher Ground

@ NG / Sofia Arsenal – Museum of Contemporary Art (4 Cherni Vrah Blvd)

19:30 – Ozgur Aydek, Sarp Keskiner, Safak Ersozlu (TR) – presentation of Visibility in Art Festival, Izmir

20:30 – Nenad Bogdanovic (RS) – “Global – Optical” – performance

21:00 – ghk (UK/BG) – DJ set

28.04.2018 Overground

@ NG / Sofia Arsenal – Museum of Contemporary Art (4 Cherni Vrah Blvd)

19:00 – What Now / Now What exhibition guided tour + Q&A with artists

20:30 – Eva Dabara (IL) – “FEED” – performance

29.04.2018 Underground

@ Electro-control Center – National Palace of Culture (under Lumiere Cinema)

17:00 – 02:00

Performances:

Dimitar Velkov (BG) – “NEW/HOBO”

Serenay Oguz (TR) – “Fill in the Blanks”

Safak Ersozlu (TR) – “enstasis”

Valko Chobanov (BG) – “LOL”

Eva Dabara (IL) – “Twice Moon, Please”

Nenad Bogdanovic (RS) – “Ten for Hundred”

Léann Herlihy (IR) – “What Now, Now What? // A Response”

Sarp Keskiner – Noksan (TR) vs trohi (BG) vs KANZ (BG) – sound performance

Sinan Kestelli (TR) vs YvesO (BG) – audio-visual performance

