



VEDRAN PERKOV (Croatia)

ANY COLOUR YOU LIKE



Vedran Perkov

site-specific residency

From October 6
to November 16, 2014

5-to-7 opening

October 23, 2014 at 5pm

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For a second consecutive year, LA CHAMBRE BLANCHE pursues an exchange with the Studio LET 777 in Dubrovnik, Croatia. This year the Croatian artist Vedran Perkov has been selected for the site-specific residency from October 6 to November 16, 2014. The opening of the residency will take place October 23th at 5pm.

In this installation work entitled: « Any colour you like » Perkov addresses the notion of identity: cultural, and individual identity as well as political identity. Does the flag we chose to express our identity really define us? What would we have to say if we stood at a rostrum facing a flag?

Transforming LA CHAMBRE BLANCHE in a venue of free speech, Vedran builds seven rostrums each one equipped with a microphone facing seven different-color flags. Each flag color embodies a distinct political orientation. The public is invited to choose a flag and stand at the rostrum to speak ... or not. This exercise reminds us slightly of the free speakers standing in soapboxes in London's Hyde Park. Vedran's more solemn variation of citizen's free speech takes on none the less a whimsical aspect with the splashes of the seven colors of seven flags: from Hyde to Park Luna Park.

Perkov hand us the required tools for public speaking, will we speak?

Born in Split, Croatia, Vedran Perkov graduated in 2002, painting at the Art Academy Brera in Milan, Italy. From 2004-2010 he worked in the painting department of the Art Academy at Split University as senior assistant and assistant lecturer. He has exhibited extensively in Croatia and abroad since 1997 and has participated in artist in residence programs in the US, France, Italy, Sweden, Latvia, Algeria and Croatia. In 2007, Perkov was the winner of the Radoslav Putar Award and Grand prix of 35th Split Salon—Emanuel Vidović Award.

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