



## THE FIRST UK SURVEY EXHIBITION BY MARE TRAL

**CURATED BY ILIYANA NEDKOVA** 

FREE & OPEN TO ALL

24 AUG - 10 SEPT

11AM-7PM MON-FRI

12-5PM SAT & SUN

DINBURGH PALET 3RD FLOOR EDINBURGHPALETTE.CO.UK GALLERY 1

ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE 151 LONDON ROAD EDINBURGH EH7 6AE

**FREE FINISSAGE EVENT** SAT 9 SEPT ARTIST'S TALK FEATURING SIGRID NIELSEN AND ANGELA DIMITRAKAKI



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JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL FINISSAGE EVENT AS PART OF THE FINAL WEEKEND OF THE SAME SUBJECT CONTINUED – THE FIRST UK SURVEY EXHIBITION BY EDINBURGH-BASED ESTONIAN QUEER FEMINIST ARTIST MARE TRALLA. THE ARTIST WILL BE IN CONVERSATION WITH SIGRID NIELSEN AND ANGELA DIMITRAKAKI.

IN COLLABORATION WITH

LAVENDER MENACE

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**SIGRID NIELSEN** IS AN LGBTQ+ ACTIVIST AND WRITER, AS WELL AS THE CO-FOUNDER OF LAVENDER MENACE, THE FIRST GAY AND LESBIAN BOOKSHOP IN SCOTLAND ESTABLISHED IN 1982.

ANGELA DIMITRAKAKI IS A WRITER AND CURATOR, AS WELL AS SENIOR LECTURER IN CONTEMPORARY ART HISTORY AND THEORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

THE CONVERSATION WILL REVOLVE AROUND THEMES EMERĞING FROM TRALLA'S WORKS FEATURED IN THE EXHIBITION, INCLUDING FEMINIST ACTIVISM, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RADICAL POTENTIAL OF PERFORMANCE ART FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION. THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AUDIENCE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS.

CURATED BY ILIYANA NEDKOVA, THE SAME SUBJECT CONTINUED IS PART OF THE STRAND OF EDINBURGH SUMMER FESTIVAL EXHIBITIONS IN 2023 AT EDINBURGH PALETTE. FEATURED ARE 25 OF TRALLA'S PERFORMATIVE WORKS SPANNING MORE THAN 20 YEARS, INCLUDING VIDEOS, INSTALLATIONS, PHOTOGRAPHY AND PAINTINGS. AT THE HEART OF HER PERFORMATIVE PRACTICE IS THE PROTEST TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND FIGHT PATRIARCHY OFTEN THROUGH THE POWER OF SELF-DEPRICATING IRONY AND DARK HUMOUR.

THIS CONVERSATION AND THE SURVEY EXHIBITION COULDN'T BE MORE TIMELY WHEN THE WORLD MARKS THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCOTLAND FINISHES THE CONSULTATION PERIOD ON ITS PROPOSALS TO INTRODUCE A NEW HUMAN RIGHTS BILL FOR SCOTLAND AND YET THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS HAVE BEEN ERODING GLOBALLY.

IN ADDITION, THE CONVERSATION WILL ALSO DELVE INTO **MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT**'S BOOK 'A VINDICATION OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMAN' (1792) – NOW RECOGNISED AS THE FIRST STATEMENT OF LIBERAL FEMINISM. IT IS THE THIRD CHAPTER IN WOLLSTONECRAFT'S BOOK ENTITLED 'THE SAME SUBJECT CONTINUED' WHICH FEATURES PROMINENTLY IN ONE OF TRALLA'S WORKS.

## THE EXHIBITION RUNS 24 AUG-10 SEPT 2023 AT EDINBURGH PALETTE ST MARGARET'S HOUSE, 151 LONDON ROAD, EDINBURGH EH7 6AE, 3RD FLOOR, GALLERY 1 OPEN MON-FRI 11AM-7PM AND SAT-SUN 12-5PM FREE ADMISSION. DOG FRIENDLY. FREE SPOTLIGHT TOURS AVAILABLE DAILY

THE FINISSAGE EVENT IS CURATED IN COLLABORATION WITH LAVENDER MENACE QUEER BOOKS ARCHIVE THE EVENT IS FREE AND FAMILY FRIENDLY BUT DISCRETION IS ADVISED AS THE WORKS FEATURED IN THE EXHIBITION CONTAIN NUDITY AND SEXUAL IMAGERY FOR FULL DETAILS, DIRECTIONS AND ACCESS, PLEASE VISIT <u>HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/ILIYANANEDKOVA</u>