

## **Sofia Queer Forum 2018: Homeland for the Vagabond**

ARTISTS: Alphabet Collection, Bruce LaBruce, Barbara Hammer, Borjana Venzislavova, Viron Erol Vert  
CURATORS: Mohammad Salemy and Patrick Schabus

November 9 - December 2, 2018, Vaska Emanouilova Gallery  
Tue-Sat 11:30am - 7pm; Sun 12 - 6pm (the gallery is closed on Mondays)

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SOFIA QUEER FORUM 2018: HOMELAND FOR THE VAGABOND will focus on the following key questions: How are the concepts of “queer” and “queer identity” changing during a time of increasing austerity, deregulation, poverty, growing racism, nationalisms (including homo-nationalism), social segregation and discrimination? Can these concepts be rethought as part of larger emancipatory social movements? Can new queer movements and discourses contribute to the collective and universal struggle for better life and equal political and social rights for all, or they will remain limited by the queer category’s identitarian legacies?

Since its inception in 2012, Sofia Queer Forum has been organized by different curators. For this year’s forum we have invited Mohammad Salemy and Patrick Schabus who focus on queer migrants and refugees, looking at their intersection with larger emancipatory struggles. Salemy and Schabus depart from the current specific issues, creating a poetic view of the topic and integrating migrant and refugee queer narratives from different times and places including Bulgaria. In the curators’ exhibition and public programming, these different contexts intertwine, bridging transnationally and intergenerationally.

Sofia Queer Forum 2018 will consist of an exhibition at Vaska Emanouilova Gallery (Nov 9 – Dec 2), with opening on Nov 9 at 6pm, and on Nov 10 an artist talk by Viron Erol Vert, a discussion on the topic “The

place and the voice of the queer migrant in the larger emancipatory struggles in Europe and the world”, and a party with DJ Julieta Intergalactica at Fabrika Avtonomia. The full programme is available here: <https://sofiaqueerforum.org/en/programme-en>.

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