

Spot on ...

DAK'ART

8th Biennial of Contemporary African Art

ifa gallery Berlin

Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations

Linienstrasse 139/140, 10115 Berlin

Press preview:	Thursday, 2 April 2009, 11:00
Opening:	Thursday, 2 April 2009, 19:00
Duration:	3 April – 21 June 2009
Opening hours:	Tuesday to Sunday 14:00 – 20:00 Saturday 12:00 – 20:00
Special opening hours:	Easter Monday, 14 April and Whit-Monday, 1 June 2009 14:00 – 20:00 Admission free.

In the series “Spot on ...”, the ifa gallery Berlin presents cultural highlights from the African continent in Germany. “Spot on ... DAK'ART – 8th Biennial of Contemporary African Art” offers a view of the particularities and the activities of the biennial, which took place in Dakar, Senegal, in 2008.

DAK'ART distinguishes itself by the connection of contemporary art and current African design. It is about self-reflection and an assessment of the current situation by the artists and designers. In collaboration with the artist and curator Akinbode Akinbiyi, the ifa gallery Berlin chose artists and designers from the Biennial's main exhibition which illustrate the high standard of contemporary African art.

But the selected works also show how the artistic reflections are affected by Africa's problems like migration, racism and war.

Artists participating in the exhibition:

El Hadji Mansour “Kanakassy” Ciss, Cheick Diallo, Saïdou Dicko, Sokey Edoth, Samba Fall, George Fikry, Pélagie Gbaguidi, Abdoulaye Armin Kane, Amal Kenawy, Achilleka Komguem, Mohamed Konaté, Nandipha Mntambo, Grace Ndiritu, Nkosikhona Ngcobo, Ibrahima “Piniang” Niang, Anira Prebay Ranarivelo, Judith Quax, Athi-Patra Ruga, Johann van der Schijff, and Guy Wouete

Curator: Akinbode Akinbiyi, Berlin

The exhibition will be accompanied by a 112-page catalogue, available for € 10,-

Events

Friday, 3 April 2009, 17:00

Guided tour through the exhibition with the curator of the exhibition, Akinbode Akinbiyi and the present artists

Tuesday, 21 April 2009, 21:00 – 24:00

Guest appearance at the Temporäre Kunsthalle Berlin

Schlossplatz, Berlin-Mitte

Long Night of African video art

With Grace Ndiritu (Kenya / UK), George Fikry (Egypt), and El Hadji Mansour “Kanakassy” Ciss (Senegal / Germany) | Moderated by Akinbode Akinbiyi (curator) and Barbara Barsch (ifa gallery Berlin)

(in English with consecutive translation)

Thursday, 7 May 2009, 19:00

“Africa: Mirror? Reflecting upon contemporary African art”

Talk by Prof. Dr. Maguèye Kassé, Dakar,

curator of the DAK’ART 2008 (in German)

Thursday, 7 May 2009, 21:00 – 24:00

Long Night of African video art

With Amal Kenawy (Egypt), Athi-Patra Ruga (South Africa), Mohamed Konaté (Mali), El Hadji Mansour “Kanakassy” Ciss (Senegal / Germany) | Moderated by Akinbode Akinbiyi, curator

Friday, 8 May 2009, 16:00

“(Re)presenting contemporary art in Germany – A study by the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations”

Introduction and talk with Yvette Mutumba, author of the study, Dr. Uschi Eid, member of the Committee for Foreign Affairs at the German Bundestag, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, Dr. Britta Schmitz, curator at the Nationalgalerie, Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin, Elke aus dem Moore, director of the Visual Arts department of the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations

Sunday, 17 May 2009, 11:00 – 13:00

Children’s Art Programme

“In the middle of Africa – Reading signs, giving signals”

with Annika Niemann and Ev Fischer

Guests: artist El Hadji Mansour “Kanakassy” Ciss and curator Akinbode Akinbiyi

For children from the age of 6. Admission free.

Registration requested.

Additional event

Thursday, 28 May 2009, 19:00

REALISM UNITES

Alexander Vinogradov, Vladimir Dubosarsky, “The four seasons in Russian painting”

Talk by Dr. Johanna Roos

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