

Spot on ...

DAK'ART

8th Biennial of Contemporary African Art

ifa gallery Stuttgart

Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations

Charlottenplatz 17

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In the series "Spot on ...", the ifa gallery Stuttgart 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,-

Artist's guided tour and backstagetalk

Friday, 16th October 2009, 17.00 – 19.30

Pélagie Gbaguidi talks about her stitespecific work at ifa gallery. Afterwards Prof. Dr. Maguèye Kassé, chief curator of the DAK'ART-Biennial and professor at the Université Paris will discuss with Kerstin Meyer different perspectives of this contemporary artevent. Kerstin Meyer studied oeconomics and fine art. She worked in Dakar as a consultant for the German Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit. The nigerian curator Arkinbode Akinbiyi and Elke aus dem Moore, head of ifa's art department, will conduct the conversation.

Press preview: Thursday, 15 October 2009, 11:00
Opening: Thursday, 15 October 2009, 19:00
Duration: 16 October 2009 – 3 January 2010
Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday 12:00 – 18:00
Thursday 12:00 – 20:00
Admission free.

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