

SARIEV Contemporary, Plovdiv
presents:

Let Them Draw

group exhibition about drawing

curated by Pravdoliub Ivanov

Luchozar Boyadjiev, Mariela Gemisheva, Pravdoliub Ivanov, Nestor Kovachev, RASSIM®, Kiril Prashkov, Kalin Serapionov, Dimitar Shopov, Nedko Solakov, Kamen Stoyanov, Valio Tchenkov, Krassimir Terziev, Kosta Tonev, Iv Toshain, Ignacio Uriarte, Vitto Valentinov, Voin de Voin

27 February – 1 April 2016

Opening 27 February 2015, 7 p.m. in the presence of the curator and artists

SARIEV Contemporary has the pleasure to present the group show 'Let Them Draw', curated by the artist Pravdoliub Ivanov. The show opens on 27 February, 7 p.m. in the presence of the curator. 'Let Them Draw' explores the different notions and forms of drawing. The show will be on view until 1 April 2016 at SARIEV Contemporary, 40 Otets Paisiy Str. Plovdiv.

When I was invited to curate this show, I asked myself – can I give a brief answer to “What is drawing?”

I tried but I couldn't because there is always something left beyond the definitions. The show in fact resulted from my desire to prevent viewers to have a simple answer to the same question.

The exhibition showcases drawing in its various guises – as a unique trace; as the vector of a movement; as the movement itself; as a thought-capturing line; or as a way to illustrate a narrative but also as the narration of its own creation. The drawing as a project as an imprint of a controlled gesture or as an autonomous action documented by the means of technology.

All media, materials and ideas are allowed.

Everything that is not 'prohibited' by the sentence “Let them draw”.

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***Pravdoliub Ivanov** was born in 1964 in Plovdiv. He graduated from the National Art Academy, Sofia, Bulgaria, where he is currently a lecturer. In 1995 he became a Founder Member of the Institute of Contemporary Art – Sofia. Pravdoliub Ivanov has a strong presence on the international art scene. In 2007, together with Ivan Moudov and Stefan Nikolaev he participated in Vessela Nozharova's curatorial project “A Place You Have Never Been Before” – the Bulgarian official participation at the 52nd Venice Biennial. His works were also presented at the 4th Istanbul Biennial in 1995, Manifesta 3 in Ljubljana, Slovenia – 2003, at the 14th Sydney Biennial, Australia in 2004 and at the 4th Berlin Biennial in 2006. Pravdoliub Ivanov's works are part of collections such as: Sofia Art Gallery, ERSTE Bank, Austria; European Investment Bank, Luxembourg; European Patent Office, Munich, Sofia City Art Gallery, Vehbi Koc Foundation, Istanbul and Tiroche DeLeon Collection & Art Vantage PCC Limited; private collections of René Block, Berlin, Dr. Heinz and Dr. Kühn, Vienna Austria; Nedko Solakov and Slava Nakovska, Sofia, Spas Roussev, Sofia, London. Pravdoliub's works have been reproduced in magazines such as Frieze, Flash Art, Kunstforum, Artforum etc., as well as in publications such as East Art Map. Since 2011 he has been represented by SARIEV Contemporary.*