

Aksioma - Institute for Contemporary Art, Ljubljana
and **steirischer herbst festival of new art, Graz** present:

Janez Janša, Janez Janša, Janez Janša

NAME Readymade

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steirischer herbst festival

Forum Stadtpark, Stadtpark1, Graz, Austria

4 - 25 October 2008

Opening: 4 October 2008 at 3:00 pm

Artists talk: 5. October 2008 at 5:30 pm

Mr. Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia
Erjavčeva 17
SI-1000 Ljubljana
Slovenija

Ljubljana, 9 September 2008

SUBJECT MATTER: Request to issue temporary personal documents

Dear Mr. President,

The renowned international festival Steierischer Herbst, which takes place in Graz, Austria, every year, has invited us to take part in the festival this year with an independent exhibition entitled *NAME Readymade*, curated by Ms. Zdenka Badovinac, Director of Moderna galerija, Museum of Modern Art, Ljubljana. In the exhibition, which will be on display between 4 and 25 October 2008 at the Forum Stadtpark in Graz, we are going to exhibit our personal documents and other works of art.

Since our documents are public documents as well as works of art (please find enclosed expert opinions by the Director of Moderna galerija, Ljubljana and a certified court assessor and expert for the field of art, also from Ljubljana), Janez Janša duly lodged an application with the appropriate Administrative Unit to issue temporary personal documents; the Administrative Unit rejected the application (see attachment). As we are not aware of any other way of acquiring substitute documents, which would enable us to exercise – for the duration of the exhibition, where our documents will be exhibited as works of art – our constitutionally guaranteed human rights and basic freedoms, in particular freedom of movement (Article 32), freedom of speech (Article 29) and freedom of artistic expression (Article 59), we are contacting You to request that temporary personal documents be issued.

We hope that you will respond to our request soon.

Sincerely,

Janez Janša, Slomškova 27, Ljubljana [signed]
Janez Janša, Gestrinova 3, Ljubljana [signed]
Janez Janša, Neubergerjeva 25, Ljubljana [signed]

Attachments:

- Statement by Ms. Zdenka Badovinac, Director of Moderna galerija, Ljubljana;
- Appraiser's opinion by Pavel Toplak, BA with Honours (Art History), MA, certified Court Appraiser and Court Expert in Fine Arts
- Rejection issued by the Administrative Unit Ljubljana, 5 June 2008.

NAME Readymade

Janez Janša is the name of Slovenia's economic-liberal, conservative prime minister – and has also been the name of three well-known Slovenian artists since the summer of 2007; officially and with all the papers and stamps required for an official name change. All of their works, their private affairs, in a word their whole life has been conducted under this name ever since. One year later, they are now analysing the effects of this gesture in an exhibition for the first time. All of the exhibits are immediate products of reality: Janša, Janša and Janša turn the relationship of art and life on its head by means of transformation, translation, representation and mimesis. While above all art was redefined in the past century by a reality, Janša, Janša and Janša want to achieve the exact opposite by penetrating deep into their own real lives and into the life of their immediate environment.

The exhibition is accompanied by **the book *NAME Readymade (Moderna galerija, Ljubljana / Revolver)*** containing exhaustive studies and rich visual materials. This publication is a *parcours* through different stages and aspects of the act of name changing. It contains essays by experts in the field and documents and writings on different actions and projects by Janša, Janša and Janša.

Rich visual material makes this book a unique document of the work that has provoked wide range of interpretation in artistic as well as in general audience.

More: www.aksioma.org/name_book

Contents:

- Blaž Lukan - The Janez Janša Project
- Amelia Jones - Naming Power and the Power of the Name: Janez Janša Performs the Political in/for the Art World
- Zdenka Badovinac - What is the Importance of Being Janez?
- Miško Šuvaković - 3 x Triglav: Controversies and Problems regarding Mount Triglav
- Catherine M. Sousloff - In the Name of the Artist
- Tadej Kovačič - The Right to (the Change of) Name – A Comparative Judicial Survey
- Aldo Milohnić - Ready-Name (Over-identification through Over-multiplication)
- Antonio Caronia - Identity, Possibility, Rigid Designators: On Formally Undecidable Propositions of Janez Janša and Concerning Systems
- Lev Kreft - Name as Readymade
- Jela Krečič - Janez Janša as Media Phenomenon

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THE NAME AS A READYMADE

An interview with Janez Janša, Janez Janša and Janez Janša
by Lev Kreft

http://www.aksioma.org/name/press/interview_kreft.pdf

High Resolution images (free of charge)

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