

# ARTSCAPE

Contemporary Art Luxembourg

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Mirror of the self

A photographic investigation into the facets of identity



ARTSCAPE Contemporary Art Luxembourg is pleased to present to you its third exhibition of its first year of existence, *Mirror of the self*. After two solo shows of confirmed and emergent painters, ARTSCAPE has selected nine artists working with photography about the subject of identity. *Mirror of the self – an investigation into the facets of identity* looks at the varied ways in which identity is constructed as the artist and his subject unravel their intricate relationship.

The exhibition is presented by ARTSCAPE Contemporary Art Luxembourg on its own rights.

The show is on view 17/11/2016 – 7/1/2017 at

**House 17, Rue du Nord 17, L-2229 Luxembourg**

Free guided tours each Wednesday evening at 6.00 pm and on request.

**Opening Thursday 17 November 2016, 6.00 pm in the presence of artists.**

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*Mirror of the self - an investigation into the facets of identity* is an exhibition about the intricate relationship between the photographer and the subject in front of the lens. With millions of photographic portraits flooding the internet every day and taking pictures turning into the defining visual genre of our times, the quest for identity reveals itself as a basic human need.

Identity is not given naturally, but something which individuals reflect on, define and give meaning to in order to overcome the alienation and anonymity experienced in modern urban life. Motivated by the uncertainty of social and political transition in an era of globalization, the individuals' exploration of themselves and others helps to establish multiple connections to what lies inside or outside the self, to culture, to time and to society.

The exhibition brings together 50 works from up-and-coming photographers. ARTSCAPE has chosen nine individual positions in contemporary artistic photography. Each artist is represented with a group of about six works.

The selected artists come from very diverse backgrounds such as music, painting, photojournalism, fashion magazine editing, and use a variety of photographic expressions and digital as well as analogue cameras, techniques for picture developing and processing as well for printing.

The works are available for sale from **ARTSCAPE** during, and after the exhibition for at least two more months.

## Participating artists

- Kourtney Roy, born in Canada, lives in Paris
- Franck Hommage, born in Paris, lives in Vosges
- Sissi Farassat, born in Iran, lives in Vienna
- Sven Becker, born in Luxembourg, lives in Luxembourg
- Susanne Strassmann, born in Germany, lives in Marseille
- Matthieu Gafsou, born in Lausanne, lives in Lausanne
- Ulla Deventer, born in Germany, lives in Hamburg and Paris
- Jay Alansky, born in France, lives in Berlin
- Martine Pinnel, born in Luxembourg, lives in Luxembourg

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## **About ARTSCAPE Contemporary Art Luxembourg**

ARTSCAPE Contemporary Art Luxembourg was founded in 2015 in Luxembourg by Christine Kieffer and Stefanie Zutter to bring young international art to Luxembourg and promote Luxembourg artists abroad. By deliberately choosing a nomadic gallery modus, the founders intend to show art of the beaten tracks.

## **ARTSCAPE at Luxembourg Art Week**

During the Luxembourg Art Week 2016, ARTSCAPE will be present from 9 to 13 November in the TAKE OFF section with a one man show of young and promising Swiss painter Pascal Sender. Starting his art studies at Kunstakademie Düsseldorf aged only 18, Sender recently finished as a master student of internationally renowned painter Peter Doig. Sender is a true child of the digital age. At the opening of Luxembourg Art Week, Pascal Sender will show a performance of interactive painting that connects local and global audiences using live streaming the event on the internet. The pictures painted during the performance as well as earlier performance works by Pascal Sender will be on display at the booth and are for sale from ARTSCAPE during TAKE OFF. The exhibition takes place under the high patronage of the Swiss Embassy in Luxembourg. Swiss Ambassador Dr Urs Hammer will introduce the artist and open the exhibition on Wednesday 9 November at 7pm.

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