

FRANKFURTER KUNSTVEREIN

The Open Workshop

Eric van Hove, "Atchilihtallah – On the Transformation of Things"

November 11, 2016 – February 12, 2017

From 11. – 20. November, the van Hove studio from Marrakesh will reside at Frankfurter Kunstverein. The artist and his team of ten highly specialised artisans and mechanics invite visitors as well as local project groups and initiatives from the fields of craftsmanship, design and engineering to participate. Work at the garage will initially be conducted by Moroccan craftsmen in collaboration with local participants. From the end of November to February, local groups will continue their work autonomously. At Frankfurter Kunstverein, Eric van Hove's concept of an open workshop as socioeconomic sculpture will become manifest, thus referring to issues of "distributed authorship" and participation as well as of possible forms of solidary and alternative economy.

Starting point for all workshop activities are the objects and mechanic sculptures developed and realised by the artist. Local groups then assume the realisation of their own projects' aims, which are connected to van Hove's themes: issues like the connection between traditional handicraft and current modes of production, the critical assessment of goods cycles and sustainable economy, enquiries after the future of labour and collaboration as social connector.

The exhibition space at Frankfurter Kunstverein is transformed into a vivid production site, into a garage for bicycles and motorbikes, into a training place for apprentices and vocational students, into a manufactory for furniture. Against the backdrop of the participants' specific abilities, skills and ambitions, the workshop serves as a place of encounter. Central are both the interdisciplinary and intercultural exchange and the contact between local groups, the artist and his employees.

In addition to that, the *Mahjoubia Lab* will take place at the Open Workshop. As part of two workshops that cater to issues of e-mobility and 3D-print and during weekly meetings, experts and enthusiasts of craftsmanship, design and engineering will translate prototypes of the *Mahjoubia*-series into the context of the Rhein-Main region. Their aim is to design and build *Mahjoubia Version Frankfurt* using local resources and focussing on the needs of Frankfurt's users.

Participating Projects

Training Workshop *URSPRUNG Frankfurt gUG*

Headed by Felix Titzka, Seckbach-based training workshop *URSPRUNG* introduces craftsmanship and engineering to vocational students from Frankfurt. Here they can explore new professions and learn various manual skills. At the open workshop, this group works on a functional Peugeot 103 Model *URSPRUNG*, which was inspired by Eric van Hove's *Mahjouba I*.

www.ursprung-frankfurt.de

Matemobil

Bockenheim initiative *Matemobil* stands for a change in urban thinking and post-fossil cargo bicycles, which they lend to Frankfurt citizens free of charge. For the course of the exhibition, the team of *Matemobil* moves their bicycle self-help workshop to Frankfurter Kunstverein, conducts a weekly *Open Workshop*, and, along with Eric van Hove, organises the workshop *Mahjouba Lab: E-Mobility* from November 18 – 20, 2016.

www.matemobil.gutehaende.net

BWHW Jugendwerkstatt

At the open workshop, adolescents from the promotional programmes *BvB*, *PerjuF* and *Wirtschaft integriert* are brought together by social worker Fatih Özsoy from *Bildungswerk der Hessischen Wirtschaft e.V.* (training institute of the Hessian economy). The programmes support both local and fugitive juveniles in their professional qualification. Together, the participants work on musical instruments and individual projects.

www.wirtschaft-integriert.de

MakerSpace Wiesbaden

MakerSpace Wiesbaden is an open workshop, where members can use machinery and tools, like a 3D printer, a CNC milling machine, wooden tools or a laser cutter. Alexandra Meschede represents *MakerSpace Wiesbaden* at Frankfurter Kunstverein. Together with youths from Frankfurt she fabricates furniture for their club house in Wiesbaden.

www.makerspacewi.de

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