

Earth and Bodies

November 12 – November 15, 2014

Artists:

**Doron Polak, Michael Lazar,
Shalom Thomas Neuman**

Performance, workshops, collages

TISH :

Wednesday, November 12, 4pm - 6pm

Workshops :

Thursday, November 13, 12pm - 5pm



Doron Polak, collages

Text by Doron Polak:

« Man is born of the Earth and returns to it. It is our destiny. We live on it and fulfill the commandment of fruitfulness and creation. The German poet Paul Celan spoke about the cursed earth and how it is “a large, black grave which threatens to swallow all of us”. And indeed, there are positive currents that pulse through the earth as well as crucial dangers. In his essay “Experience and Poverty” the philosopher Walter Benjamin uses the well-known story of the old man who shares the secret of buried treasure with his children. After his death, they dig in the soil of the vineyard they inherited, but do not find the treasure. The earth however, rewards them with superior fruit.»

TISH

On Wednesday, November 12, Israeli artists Doron Polak, Michael Lazar and American artist Shalom Thomas Neuman, will host a **TISH** (table). Drawing on the Hassidic tradition, 10 guests will gather around a table, for a discussion. Soup, bread, and wine will be served. On the theme of «earth», the artists will lead a discussion (in English), for the participants who come from various fields, such as artistic, literary, political, or scientific. It will be followed by a discussion with the public.

Workshops

On Thursday, November 13, the artists will conduct a series of creative workshops in the aim to demonstrate the relationships between the body and the earth, between the earth and science.

The public is invited to participate in drawing, collage, and narration workshops. During the exercises, mud from the Dead Sea will be made available to the participants.

The works will remain on exhibit until November 15, 2014.

Biography

Doron Polak is an artist and curator who lives and works in Tel Aviv (Israel). He studied Fine Arts at Tel Aviv University, at Talma Yalin (Tel Aviv), and completed advanced studies in creative drama in Berlin and London. Doron Polak is the founder of Projective, an organization whose mission is to help artists integrate themselves in the art market and Artura, which is committed to promoting public and community art. He has curated to date, more than 300 exhibits.

Michael Lazar is a multidisciplinary artist born in Canada, who works and lives in Tel Aviv (Israel). Michael Lazar spent 15 years as a professional sculptor and his works have been exhibited across Europe, the United States, Asia, and Russia and are part of many public and private collections. For the last 8 years, Michael Lazar has been collaborating with Doron Polak on performance art, which has been shown worldwide. With a Ph.D. in geophysics and planetary sciences, he is currently working on the boundary between art and science.

Shalom Thomas Neuman is an artist who lives and works in New York (United States). Born in Prague, he spent his childhood in Israel and later established himself in the United States. He holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in painting and sculpture from Carnegie-Mellon University (United States, 1972). His works have been exhibited in Europe, Asia, South America, Africa and the United States, including the Venice Biennale (Italy, 2013 and 2009), the New Museum (New York, 2013) and National Gallery in Prague (Czech Republic, 2011). His works are part of many public and private collections.

Heures d'ouverture / Galerie / mercredi-samedi de 12h à 17 h et sur rendez-vous / Heures / bureau / mardi-samedi de 10h30 à 18h