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**Caravansarai Art Forum, Kutaisi**

**International Contemporary Art Festival**

**17 - 20 Mai 2016**

**Organizer**

Kutaisi City Hall

Mayor of Kutaisi – Shota Murgulia

Department of Culture – Miranda Kuprava

**Partners**

Ministry of Culture and Monument Protection of Georgia – Mikhail Giorgadze

Embassy of France and French Institute – Jean-Yves Lavoir

**Direction & Curators**

Caravansarai, Artistic Exchanges, Paris – Shalva Khakhanashvili

Caravansarai, Artistic Exchanges, Tbilisi – Nino Metreveli

**Coordination & Assistance**

Gamrekeli Gallery, Tbilisi – Khatuna Melikishvili, Natashka Donadze etc.

**With participation**

State Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki - Maria Tsantsanoglou

Apollonia, European Art Exchanges, Strasbourg - Dimitri Konstantinidis

**Places and Venues**

**Indoors:**

Kutaisi State Historical Museum – Conference, Round Table, Debates

David Kakabadze Fine Art Gallery – Contemporary Art “Urban Landscapes”

Gallery Varla, Kutaisi Regional Artists Organization – Contemporary Art, Photo Exhibition

**Outdoors:**

Building Wall - Facade of David Kakabadze Fine Art Gallery

Building wall – Street Art paintings, graffiti, Installation

**Urban Landscapes, concept**

The general thematic of the various expositions indoor & outdoor is *Urban Landscapes*. It represents different facets of city, the various layers that compose and structure it. The city is distinguished by the density and the richness of its architecture. It is a result of human professional skills, a product of practical need for utilitarian functions (places for living, working…), but its issues are first and foremost ideological, social, cultural, political, and aesthetic, bringing these massive objects to more human considerations.

The city is thus a place to living that reunites people acquiring its cosmopolitan charm. The massive feel of the urban architecture may first erase the individual, but it still has a social value. Moreover, the city shelters lots of people and activities.

The city is therefore presented as a complex space creating opportunities, which gives rise equally to signs of development and to the expression of a human identity.

**Exhibitions indoors & outdoors**

The main collective exhibition with international artists from France, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Venezuela, Russia & Georgia will be held in Kakabadze Fine Art Gallery in the very center of Kutaisi.

Street artists, Virginie Masson (artist name Vinie Graffiti) and Thomas Mestre (artist name Djalouz) from France will work on different building walls, specially selected to realize compositions in front of public.

International artists’ video works will be projected on the main square of Kutaisi in the evening, near the fountain, between the City Hall, the State Theatre, the TBS bank building & the Central park of Kutaisi.

On different publicity billboards in Kutaisi, there will be exposed photo works of international artists, with thematic of “Urban Landscapes”.

**International artists:** Karim Borjas, Jacques Crenn, Pedro Morales, Aliska Lahusen, Annette Turrillo, Eduard de Pazzi, Ada Yu, Marina Chernikova, Almagul Menlibayeva, Natalya **Lyakh & Henri Matchavariani** (Paris);

Egle Ganda Bogdaniene (Vilnius), Leonards Laganovskis (Riga), Carlos Marcano (Madrid), Mauro Marcenaro (Genova), Zura Arabidze, Dima Goriachkin, Dasha Delone, Lidia Vitkovskaia & Denis Mikhailov (Moscow), Denizhan Ozer, Sitki Kosemen (Istanbul).

**Street artists,** Virginie Masson (artist name Vinie Graffiti) and Thomas Mestre (artist name Djalouz), Photographee & Alex Perret (Paris).

**Conferences & debates:** Galina Maksimova & Dags Vidulejs (Riga), Maria Tsantsanoglou (Thessaloniki), Dimitri Konstantinidis (Strasbourg), Egle Ganda Bogdaniene (Vilnius), Jean Philippe Aka (Paris) & Simon Hewitt (Geneva).

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