



YOURS IN SOLIDARITY by Nicoline van Harskamp
World Premiere: 2014 (date and place to be determined)
Duration: 53'22
Screening format: DCP / HD digital file / Blu Ray

Logline

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Brief synopsis

Yours in Solidarity tells a story of anarchism from the late 1980's to today, through the letter archive of the late Dutch anarchist Karl Max Kreuger, now housed in the International Institute for Social History (IISG) in Amsterdam. This art-fiction is based on intensive research projects, readings, recorded performances and interviews, developed and exhibited from 2011 – 2013.

Background

From 1988 until 1999, Kreuger corresponded by post with hundreds of like-minded people worldwide. As one of the letter writers herself, van Harskamp studied the archive for more than a year and tried to imagine the many proponents' life stories since the last date of writing. She chose especially captivating correspondents, gave them a pseudonym, collected notes on them and produced their personality reports through an online handwriting analysis program. She then cast professional actors for each writer, with the relevant nationality and estimated current age, to work with her, one at the time, on creating a character with a biography and set of views that were detailed enough to conduct an interview. A comprehensive archive of van Harskamp's notes, as well as audio- and video documentation of the working sessions with actors, form the first half of the project.

From transcribed conversations with the new 'characters', van Harskamp compiled the script for this fictional work. She lets a number of anarchist elaborate on the history and future of the movement in a fully scripted anarchist gathering. The resulting fiction, named after a much-used anarchist sign-off, suggests what might happen if the international correspondents were to meet today.

The scenario is based on *notes from the project archive* (up to 700 original pieces by Nicoline van Harskamp)

Yours in Solidarity was made possible by the Netherlands Film Fund, the Mondriaan Fund, the Rijksakademie and the IISG, Amsterdam. It was presented in several stages of production throughout 2011 to 2013 and it was completed in 2014.

Resume Nicoline van Harskamp

In her earlier works, van Harskamp addresses the function and power of the spoken word, and its ability to shape political thought and action. Using footage of public presentations and debates, records of conversational writing and other available or generated material, she writes the scripts for her video and performance pieces.

Nicoline van Harskamp's project Yours in Solidarity, addressing the very recent history of anarchism through a correspondence archive, was presented in different stages of completion at the MUAC in Mexico City, the Frankfurter Kunstverein, Manifesta 9 in Genk, the Hillary Crisp Gallery in London, the 2013 Shanghai Biennial, GMK in Zagreb, D+T Project Gallery in Brussels, and elsewhere.

Other works were presented at the Kadist Foundation in Paris, Performa 11 in New York, the 4th Bucharest Biennial, the SMBA in Amsterdam and the Van Abbemuseum in Eindhoven. Nicoline van Harskamp has staged her live pieces at Witte de With in Rotterdam, the New Museum in New York, the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam, the Arnolfini in Bristol, the Serralves Foundation in Porto and the Kaaaitheater in Brussels. In 2009 she won the Dutch national prize for contemporary art, Prix de Rome.

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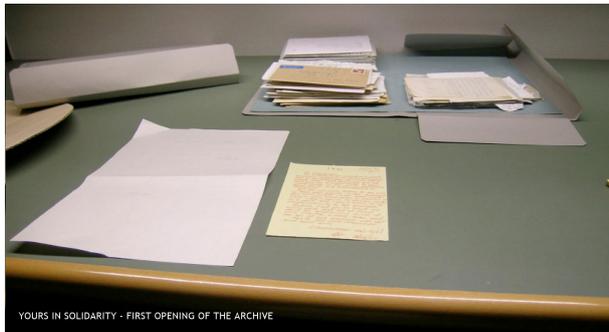
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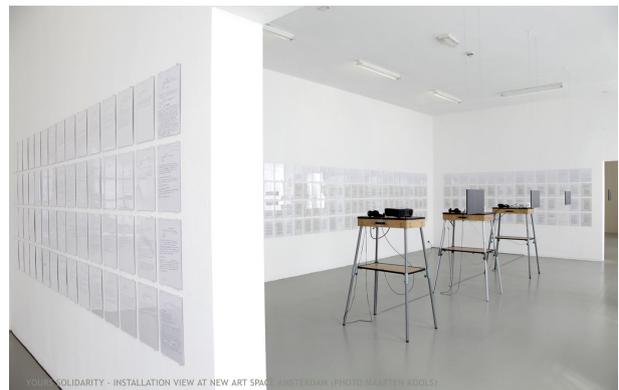
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