

ELECTROMEDIAWORKS_10

An Annual Meeting for the Collective Arts and Artistic Synergies

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KOUMARIA_2010 residency
Selessia, Sparta, Greece

25 - 26 NOVEMBER 2010

KNOT GALLERY

(Michalakopoulou & Pyrrou
[entrance from Pyrrou] Athens)

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ENTRANCE 5 € (for the concerts each day)

In the context of *ElectroMediaWorks_10* the collective Medeaelectronique (www.medeaelectronique.com) will host *KOUMARIA_10*, an intensive 10 days Residency at the foot of Mount Taigetos. A 400 square meter residency in a huge private olive field, including a converted mixed-media art studio, will be transformed this November into a laboratory for contemporary art.

Greek and international artists, theoreticians, scientists from different disciplines and backgrounds, are invited to work together and form the *Instant Synthesis Ensemble* (I.S.E) in order to develop a collective arts project. The outcome of this effort will be introduced in Athens among other productions, presentations in a two_day Collective arts Meeting at *KNOT gallery* (<http://knotarts.blogspot.com>).

ElectroMediaWorks is an annual meeting for innovative media art, electronic media art, electronic music and cross-over art, aiming to revive in the future the EMW Festival (www.emw.gr). *Koumaria Residency* and *ElectroMediaWorks* embrace a wide range of themes and techniques that promote knowledge and enhance the exchange of ideas and 'materials' in order to highlight and reveal the processes of collective creativity within the theory, technology, philosophy and innovative contemporary art practices of mixed media arts.

ElectroMediaWorks_10 will revolve around two broad themes: Collective Arts and Artistic Synergies. The program will feature talks led by our Guests, workshops, presentations and performances later in the day. A dialogue amongst a diverse range of independent collectives, cooperating groups, spaces, institutions etc. will give us the opportunity to explore ideas, methods and practical aspects of the collective creative process, among other issues.

During the ten days residency, from 15th to 25th of November, a blog that is dedicated to *KOUMARIA_10* will be updated with news, music, pictures and video from Selassia, Sparta, Greece. (www.medeaelectronique.com/category/blog/)

Stephania Mizara, a talented photographer and founder of the space *M55* (www.m55projects.gr) is invited by EMW_10, to visit Koumaria residency for several days. Among other ideas she is planning to capture unique moments of coexistence and cooperation of the resident artists. Her work will be exhibited in the form of slide show video during the two days in Knot gallery.

Additionally, professor of Philosophy and improviser *Eric Lewis* from Canada, will work for the second year in a row on a documentary about this year's Koumaria residency, while his documentary on Koumaria_09, entitled '**From Both Sides Now**' will be screened during the two-day gathering

The daily program will start early in the evenings with talks, presentations, workshops, screenings (free entrance) to be followed by concerts and short acts, including mixed media performances (entrance fee 5€). A detailed program can be found at (www.medeaelectronique.com) (www.knotarts.blogspot.gr)

Talks – Presentations

The discussion panels for each day are entitled "**EXPLORING COLLECTIVITY**" and "**SHOWCASING SYNERGIES**" respectively.

*talks will be led in Greek language except otherwise indicated.

- **KOUMARIA_10 with INSTANT SYNTHESIS ENSEMBLE (I.S.E)**
presentation-performance-open discussion

(www.medeaelectronique.com/residency/)
(www.medeaelectronique.com/ise/)

Eric Lewis(US /CA), Stefan Smulovitz (CA), Viviane Houle (CA), Alexandros Drimonitis (GR), Marielle Andrée Groven (CA), Tim Ward (UK), Paris Erotokritou (GR), Anastasis Grivas (GR), Stavros Apostolatos (GR), Magnus Klahr (SW), Elli-Anna Peristeraki (GR), Panagiwtis Goubouros (GR) plus Medeaelectronique [Manolis Manousakis, Michael Larsson, LoKey (Yannis Lolis & Cleopatra Korae), Ioanna Kabilafka, Charis Germanidis, Christos Laskaris, Thodwris Zioutos, Guido De Flaviis, Anastasia_X.]

- "**IMPROVISATION ACROSS THE ARTS: CHALLENGES AND POTENTIALS**"
open discussion-talk

Eric Lewis (McGill University, Canada)
Danae Stefanou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

*the talk will be held in English.

Eric Lewis, Professor of Philosophy of Improvisation and co-founder of the international research project Improvisation, Community and Social Practice (<http://www.improvcommunity.ca/>), and *Danae Stefanou*, Lecturer in Historical Musicology at the Department of Music Studies, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki will lead a discussion on the local and cross-cultural prospects of collective improvisation, investigating the challenges and promises of improvisational approaches across and between different artforms, in institutional and non-institutional contexts.

- **FREE IMPROVISATION MUSIC WORKSHOP**
presentation-performance
(http://knotarts.blogspot.com/2009/12/blog-post_29.html)

Presentation-live performance with the participants of the weekly music improvisation workshop coordinated by *Acte Vide* (*Yannis Kotsonis, Danae Stefanou*).

- **SPIDER : International Artistic Project**
presentation
(www.spiderontheedge.org)

With *Antigone Gyra* (www.kinitiras.com)

The Spider project »emerged« as an idea of the three dancers and choreographers: Matej Kežar (Slovenia), Michael Pomero (France), who met in Brussels (at Rosas) and Antigone Gyra (Greece). The Spider festival supports transnational mobility of cultural workers and artistic works through various activities. It has a special net, a unique inherent structure, which can be recognized as a model for future connections, marketing communication, international culture production, co-operation and participation.

Presentations of other cooperating groups, independent institutions and centers:

- **HELLENIC ELECTROACOUSTIC MUSIC COMPOSERS ASSOCIATION [H.E.L.M.C.A]** (www.essim.gr)
- **CENTER OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC RESEARCH [C.M.R.C]** (www.ksyme.gr)
- **BEFORE LIGHT** www.beforelight.com
- **FTOUXELEFTERIA** <http://omadaftouxelefteria.blogspot.com/>
- **M55 PROJECTS** (www.m55projects.gr/)
- **OPER(O)** (www.myspace.com/operoteam)
- **ODC ENSEMBLE** (www.myspace.com/odcensemble1)

Workshops

- **Stefan Smulovitz – Kenaxis** (<http://www.kenaxis.com>)
*the workshop (1h) will be held in English.

The composer *Stefan Smulovitz* will lead a workshop concerning improvisation and electronic music using *Kenaxis* as a model. *Kenaxis* is a software that transforms the laptop into a powerful and highly adaptable musical instrument. A great tool for live performance, live electronics and sound transformation.

Screenings

- **KOUMARIA 09 Documentary** by *Eric Lewis*
'From Both Sides Now' is a video documentary concerning the *Medeaelectronique* 2009 Koumaria residency. It focuses on the interpersonal and artistic challenges faced by a group of improvisers, working across numerous art-forms, largely unknown to each other, who had ten days to create a collaborative trans-art performance piece. We see how often social issues presented themselves as artistic issues, and vice versa. The documentary traces the participant's community building efforts, and the success of the residency, in spite of major obstacles concerning lack of a common first language, diverse experiences as improvisers, divergent art-discourses and varied expectations. Improvisation emerges as a method for simultaneously asserting the self, while integrating it into a larger community. The artistic success of the residency can be seen as a product of its social success, and the willingness of the participants to respond to contingencies in perhaps unexpected ways.
- **MAKING OFF KOYMAPIA_10**
- **SLIDE SHOW** by *Stephania Mizara* [photographer and owner of the independent space *M55* www.m55projects.gr]

Concerts- performances

- **MAD SCIENTIST MACHINE ORCHESTRA** (<http://www.kenaxis.com/mad-scientist-machine/>)
- **K.S.Y.M.E ENSEMBLE** (<http://www.ksyme.gr>)
- **INSTANT SYNTHESIS ENSEMBLE (I.S.E) (KOYMARIA_10)**
- **IOANNIS KALANTZIS** (<http://ikalantzis.free.fr/>) [H.E.L.M.C.A]
- **OPER(O)** (www.myspace.com/operoteam)
- **STUDIO 19** (www.studio19st.com)
- **4+1** (www.myspace.com/tesseraena)
- **HOULE_SMULOVITZ DUO** (www.vivianehoule.ca)

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