

PRESS RELEASE

Le Jardin du Paradoxe Regards sur le Cirque Divers à Liège 17th February – 16th August 2018 at the Museum of Walloon Life (Liège)

The Province of Liège is nowadays the depository of the "Cirque Divers" heritage, of its collection and of its archives. In the 80s and 90s, the Cirque Divers was a place of cultural and artistic production in the Outremeuse (En Roture) district, the heart of the history of Liège, cabaret theatre and art gallery. The exhibition will be peppered with meetings, seminars, conferences, performances, parties, workshops, concerts, processions and debates. A catalogue published by Yellow Now will accompany the exhibition.

The "Cirque Divers" (Liège) was born in 1977 and finally died in 1999. It was a place of Paradox and of universal Lie: open, activist, experimental and anti-establishment. It was a unique experience in the area of art and culture or counterculture, a great and joyful hurly-burly, rowdy and inopportune, and of course always "Of a certain cheerfulness".

Born from a will of theatricalizing everything and, in a very situationist spirit, of "spectacularising" down to our daily activities, it was Fluxus in its own way, it invested the field of performances, adopted a Panic spirit, practised a very pataphysic style and promoted the minor arts in a major way. The funnel of the "Cirque Divers" absorbed, concentrated and discussed the ideas of the moment, multiplied the fields of activity, goaded the authorities. As a real hydropathic cabaret where up to hundred different beers were served, festive and wacko, it was concerned about creation in all areas – visual arts, music, performing arts, literature and poetry – as well as about lifelong learning, defining its attitudes in a very rare way.

Amongst the participating artists...

Pierre Alechinsky - Michel Antaki - Laurie Anderson - Fernando Arrabal - Glen Baxter - Silvana Belletti - BEN Vautier - Jan Bucquoy - Jacques Charlier - Hervé Di Rosa - Robert Filliou - Sophie Langohr - Jacques Lennep - Jacques Lizène - Capitaine Lonchamps - Marcel Mariën - Benjamin Monti - ORLAN - Pol Pierart - André Stas - Lydia Schouten - Daniel Spoerri - Roland Topor - Geneviève Van der Wielen - Denyse Willem - Marie Zolamian

Pictures available on the website www.caracascom.com

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

From February 17th to August 16th 2018

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