

Pro Arte Foundation Finland announces:

LECTURE BY ANTONY GORMLEY

Accompanied by Jan Svenungsson

On Monday April 14th, 2008 at 4 pm.

Site: Tekniskan Salit, Eerikinkatu 2 (Yrjönkatu 30), 6th floor
Entrance is on Eerikinkatu side, beside Wayne's Coffee café.
Admission is free. Please, send mail confirming your participation by April 12th, 2008 to the following address: info@proartefoundation.fi

British sculptor Antony Gormley (b.1950) will speak about his art as invited guest by Pro Arte Foundation Finland. The Foundation has invited Gormley to realize the first IHME project, a temporary art work in a public space in Helsinki next year 2009. After his presentation he will discuss several issues on public art with Swedish visual artist Jan Svenungsson (b. 1961).

Antony Gormley is one of the best known Western contemporary sculptors, whose work has been on show in museums and galleries all over the world. He has realized also several permanent installations in public space.

Over the last 25 years Antony Gormley has revitalised the human image in sculpture through a radical investigation of the body as a place of memory and transformation, using his own body as subject, tool and material.

Since 1990 he has expanded his concern with the human condition to explore the collective body and the relationship between self and other in large-scale installations.

His "Field" has toured America, Europe and Asia. Angel of the North and, most recently, "Quantum Cloud" on the Thames in Greenwich are amongst the most celebrated examples of contemporary British sculpture. One of his key installations, "Another Place", is to remain permanently on display at Crosby Beach, Merseyside.

Jan Svenungsson is a Swedish artist based in Berlin and working as visiting professor since 2007 at the Post-Doctoral Department at the Academy of Fine Arts. His work in public space, especially his "Chimney projects"

realised in different locations, Svenungsson has contemplated the concept of a monument and its function in a public space. In June this year Svenungsson will realize his 18 meters high "Ninth Chimney" in Hamm, Germany.

Svenungsson has written widely about art and questions related to it. These texts are available at his website, the address of which is below.

Welcome!

Further information on Antony Gormley, Jan Svenungsson, Pro Arte Foundation Finland and its projects you will find at following website addresses:

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