



mahalla

Malta Festival

Mahalla Community Video-Workshop

Mission

The general vision of the festival is to question a dystopian reality of excluding "the other" in the form of the migrant, the poor, the opposite sex, the animal, the environment, the unknown.

The Title, Mahalla, refers to the word mahalla used in many languages and countries meaning neighborhood or location originated in Arabic mähallä.

Mahalla as a title for the festival and for the Video-workshop is a metaphor for a space of diversity and inclusion in the field of arts and culture.

The Istanbul based association diyalog and the Sustainable Design Collective are organizing a community video workshop in Malta. Third country nationals and locals are exploring the island and sharing their personal stories by using the medium film. The participants of the workshop learn to operate the cameras on their smartphones in a storytelling way. The Online-editing-software Wevideo is an additional sponsor providing the digital tools to learn video-editing with smart phone and desktop computer.

The workshop started in March 2018. Already more than 25 Videos got produced. Various topics around migration and communities are in the focus. A feature by Pawlos Yowhans of the Palm-Sunday-Mass shows the colourful ceremonies of the Eritrean-Ethiopian orthodox Church in Valletta. Maltese Heidi de Carlo is showing Sudanese Abbas Musa the medieval city of Mdina. Both are searching the traces of the tradition of the different forms of door knockers on the front door of many houses.

Sudanese Mohammed Ibrahim is using his smartphone like a digital diary. His features of a biking-event in Hamrun, the Maltese Independence Day and other topics already created an audience in the Mahalla Malta Facebook-group. Besides he is working on Videos around the difficult Journey of many migrants from Africa.

The workshop continues until mid November taking place each Saturday at Fortress Builders in Valletta. The participation is free of charge. Until the end of November the members of the group will be enabled to produce their own movies independently. A selection of the results is going to be shown at a public screening in Muza, the National Museum of Art and Community, 21th of November 2018, 6pm as part of the Mahalla Malta Festival.

Running between the 18th and 25th of November, Mahalla is a travelling festival of contemporary art, film and literature, with several ancillary events running alongside it. Located in venues around Valletta, Santa Lucija and Zabbar, the festival will allow audiences to explore communities through diverse lenses.

The program is going to be published in November on:
<http://mahalla.inenart.eu>

All events are free of charge.

Within the Mahalla Festival the Istanbul based association DIYALOG and the Sustainable Design Collective Malta are organizing the event. So far, the workshop took place at the Sudanese Migrant Association in Hamrun, at Gzira Local Council, the Volunteer Centre in Valletta and at Fortress Builders.

The multicultural video-workshop is conducted by the curators of the Mahalla Festival, Sabine Küper-Büsch and Thomas Büsch. The results can already be viewed on: <http://streetwalking.inenart.eu>

Venue

Muza. Museum for Art and Community,
Auberge D'Italie, Merchants St, Valletta

Open Call

The workshop is still open for new participants and is open to beginners. Every Saturday at 9am Giacomo Giacomoni is present at Museum Fortress Builders to help with the productions and to offer instructions in editing.

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The first Mahalla Festival took place in Istanbul 2017 in the frame of the Istanbul Art Biennial. Istanbul is the base of the association Diyalog Derneği as the organizer of the Mahalla Festival. The main Curators, Thomas Büsch and Sabine Küper-Büsch, are in the board of the association.

Information about the first Mahalla Festival 2017 in Istanbul:
<http://mahalla.inenart.eu/>

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The activities of the association Diyalog Derneği: www.diyalog-der.eu

The websites of the curators: www.doc-film.de; www.inenart.eu

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Postproduction Software



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