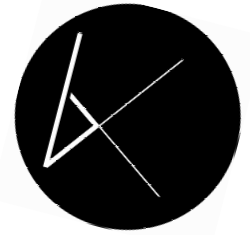


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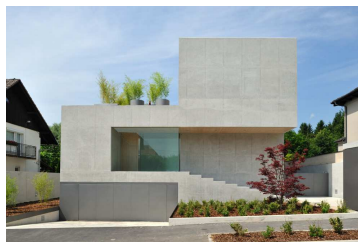
PRESS RELEASE

BEVK PEROVIĆ ARHITEKTI / OFIS ARHITEKTI **CONTEMPORARY SLOVENIAN ARCHITECTURE** MAY 14 - JULY 24, 2011

- PRESS PREVIEW:** THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011, 12 AM
- OPENING:** FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011, 7 PM
- ARTIST TALK:** SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011, 4 PM
Discussion with the architects
- CURATOR'S TOUR:** SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011, 4 PM
Guided tour with Andreas Wannemacher



OFIS arhitekti, Farewell Chapel, 2005-2009
Krasnja, Slovenia
Photo: Tomaz Gregoric
Courtesy of OFIS arhitekti



bevk perović arhitekti, House D, 2005-2008
Ljubljana, Slovenia
Photo: Miran Kambič
Courtesy of bevk perović arhitekti

With bevk perović arhitekti and OFIS arhitekti, Bielefelder Kunstverein is showing from May 14 to July 24 two celebrated representatives of this current Slovenian architectural scene in its biannual architecture exhibitions series. Both offices are located in Ljubljana. Their sphere of activity is, however, not limited to the Slovenian capital and to their own country but also encompasses projects completed all over Europe.

In the late 1990's, a series of architectural practices were founded in Slovenia and their works have increasingly met with international attention and recognition in recent years. Slovenia is still a recent, Central European republic, formed in 1991 out of what was formerly Yugoslavia, and has been a member of the European Union since 2004. Looking back, we can see how new developments have come about in tandem with the country's political and commercial changes.

The exhibition offers a comprehensive insight into the architectural creativity of both practices. Already realized projects are on display as well as recent ideas and designs in form of models, videos and photo documentations. This includes the question as to whether the works display common features, despite their differences in architectural stance, which can point to a typically Slovenian identity in architecture and to the East European history behind them.

The office bevk perović arhitekti was established in 1997 by Matija Bevk (*1972) and Vasa J. Perović (*1965). Bevk studied architecture at the University of Ljubljana whereas Perović studied at the University of Belgrad and at the Berlage Institute in Rotterdam.

Further information and an overview of the projects are available at: <http://www.bevkperovic.com>

OFIS arhitekti was established in 1998 by Rok Oman (*1970) and Spela Videcnik (*1971) in Ljubljana. The name is according to the slovenian pronunciation of the English *office*. Both partners studied architecture at the University of Ljubljane and at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London.

Further information and a overview of the projects are available at: <http://www.ofis-a.si/>

The work of both offices was shown in several international architecture exhibitions and biennials in London, Moscow, Beijing or Venice. Numerous projects have been rewarded with international prizes, amongst others the Mies van der Rohe Award, the Piranesi Award or the Red Dot Design Award.

Curator: Andreas Wannemacher

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BROCHURE

To mark the exhibition, two 28-page brochures will be published (German/English).

GUIDED TOURS

During our exhibitions we offer free guided tours every Sunday at 5 pm. Beside we offer individual guided tours and workshops upon request.

You will find further information related to the exhibition in the press section of our website www.bielefelder-kunstverein.de.

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