



Glacial Waters project at ARTBAT FEST 9

Almaty, Kazakhstan: The ninth edition of ARTBAT FEST will be held in Almaty between 24th August and 8th September 2018 on the theme of WaterStream. In partnership with the European network Artecitya, WaterStream will revive the Esentai River, channels (locally known as 'aryks'), riverbanks and several fountains. ARTBAT FEST 9 will host an array of international artists, initiatives and a symposium.

In this frame, ZKU Berlin – Center for Art and Urbanistics facilitates with the support of the Goethe-Institut Kasachstan the Glacial Water project. Following a research trip to Almaty, the artists Matthew Robinson and Ben Nathan (Baden Projekt) created an experimental documentary film installation, starting with the source of water from the glacial mountain range of Zailiyskiy Alatau, following its course into the city via impressive streams, waterfalls and reservoirs to the aryks of Almaty. On one hand, the artistic duo documents ways in which people use water in their everyday lives, while on the other they explore consequences of global warming on the glacier. The work is displayed as holographic multi-channel projections onto water and transparent screens, accompanied by electronic soundscapes from Eva Geist.

Baden Projekt's work explores the changing state of water, to provide alternative perspectives on nature and the city. One of the primary concerns of their work is to bridge the gap between film documentary and film installation, providing a means to immerse the audience within a constructed environment which provides a sensory experience. The work promotes the significance and the impact that water has on health and wellbeing.

ZKU Berlin / Matthew Charles Robinson & Ben Nathan (Baden Projekt). Project Manager Dennis Lindenau.

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Opening 25th August 2018 5-6pm at Art Bunker, ART-убежище BUNKER (ул. Досмұхамедова, 78а)
«Уточка» Елена и Виктор Воробьевы

Exhibition continues until 8th September 2018

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