

ROMA WOMEN WEAVING EUROPE

ROMA FEMINIST THOUGHT AND CONTEMPORARY ART

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RKI Galerie, Reinhardtstrsse 14, 10117 Berlin. Opening hours: Tue-Fri 14-18

21.03.2019-30.07.2019

ERIAC, Reinhardtstrasse 41-43, 10117 Berlin. Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9-17

IMAGE: BLACK SARAH, Kiba Lumberg 120 cm x 160 cm

ARTISTS

Ionela Mihaela Cîmpeanu, Ioanida Costache, Mihaela Drăgan, Ana Maria Gheorghe, Delaine Le Bas, Kiba Lumberg, Małgorzata Mirga-Tas, Emília Rigová, Selma Selman, Alina Șerban, George Vasilescu and urban_roma.

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The issues related to gender inequality have become a focus of contemporary debates in recent years, with powerful women voices speaking up against patriarchal and oppressive world for women. The approximately 6 million Roma women in Europe know all too well about the impact of gender inequality. Multiple and intersectional discrimination they face – as women, members of a stigmatized ethnic minority, at higher risk of social exclusion and poverty – pushed them to creatively challenge patriarchal and racialized oppression. The every-day struggle of Roma women have become a foundation for the gradual emergence of Roma feminism as a movement against injustice.

On the occasion of celebrating the International Roma Day (8th of April), the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIAC) and Romanian Cultural Institute (RKI) in Berlin celebrate Romani women – as leaders and survivors, guardians and re-inventors of culture, revolutionaries and change-makers. *Romnia* (Romani women) become the fore-front of a new revolution – both within their own communities and in the majority society at large.

The double exhibition, which takes place at ERIAC and RKI Gallery and is accompanied by a series of additional events, celebrates the agency of Roma women as visionaries of a Europe of tomorrow – challenging minority and majority norms in search for equality. Drawing power from their own communities and their transnational solidarity networks, Roma women imagine a new social fabric, weaving together threads of minority and majority struggles and achievements.

PROGRAM

EXHIBITION OPENING

March 21st, 2019 at 18:00 in ERIAC and at 19:00 with α performance by Mihaela Drăgan and Ioanida Costache.

8th of April, 2019

Celebration of the International Roma Day, with a guided curatorial tour of the exhibition and **performance by Alina Serban**.

20th of May, 2019

On the occasion of the Roma Resistance Day (May 16th) Roma feminists will discuss the Romani women's movement in Romanian and Europe.