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The 8th International Photography Triennial Backlight 2008

has been chosen for funding in Culture2007-2013 program of the European Union.
Among the 77 projects from around in Europe, Backlight 2008 is the only project with
Main-Organizer in Finland. We are satisfied!

The festival is rooted in documentary photography and open to different artistic
approaches. It promotes intercultural dialogue by focusing on revealing the hidden,
the veiled, the lost and forgotten. Backlight 2008 will consist of exhibitions, a symposium
with lectures, workshops, guided tours, a residence program, portfolio review and publications.

The central presentations of Backlight 2008 will be based on an International Call for Artists.
The Call is focused on photography, but it also accepts photography-based projects that
are combined with other media.

Deadline for submissions will be 31st of January 2008.

The Title of Backlight 2008 is Tickle Attack

Content of the project: Tickle Attack is about Humor, Laughter, Irony, Paradox and
Absurd. Artists should submit photography-based projects that express and reflect
diverse artistic perspectives and interpretations through various cultural backgrounds.

Members of the Jury:

Martin Breindl, Fluss Nö Initiative für Foto- und Medienkunst;
Krzysztof Candrowicz, Lodz Art Center;
Alessandra Capodacqua, Fondazione Studio Marangoni;
Ulrich Haas-Pursiainen, Photographic Centre Nyky aika;
Alla Räisänen, Northern Photographic Centre.

Exhibition concept: To promote intercultural dialogue, Backlight 2008 will organize
one main exhibition that will be divided and shared by organizer and co-organizers.
Selected artworks will be displayed in different venues throughout Europe (Florence,
Lodz, Oulu, Tampere, Wolkersdorf) according to the thematic concept.

The European presentation of the exhibition will be from September -week 38- until
November -week 45- in 2008. It will be streamed also via Internet in order to give
the audience access to the entire content. The Vernissage in Tampere will be Friday,
19th of September 2008.

The entire exhibition will also be presented at Lodz Photo Festival in May 2009.

Single projects may also be selected for additional presentations by Backlight 2008 partners:
City of Dudelange & Cafe Crème, Luxemburg;
Galleri Image, Aarhus, Denmark;
Goethe Institut, Helsinki, Finland;
Kaunas Photo, Kaunas, Lithuania;
Kunstihoone, Tallin, Estonia;
Langhans Galerie, Prague, Czech Republic;
National Centre of Photography, St.Petersburg, Russia;
Kotka Photographic Centre, Kotka, Finland.

Backlight 2008 Award: 5.000 Euro