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“THE I LOVE YOUR PROJECT: HESSEN” COMMENCES IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, GERMANY AUGUST 27, 2012: Visual artist Debbie T. Davies and sound artist Julius Schön commenced ‘THE I LOVE YOU PROJECT: HESSEN’ in Frankfurt and Giessen Germany this month. The multi-media social art project showcases residents of Bockenheim, Giessen, and other urban German communities saying “I Love You” into a digital microscope camera. This project is the second installation of a global initiative uniting people within diverse communities by offering them an opportunity to express love within the context of a visual art form. Videotaping will continue in various locations in Germany over the next two months resulting in an exhibition before the end of 2012.

INFORMATION

Exhibition title: “THE I LOVE YOU PROJECT: HESSEN”

Location: The Dream Factory <http://www.dreamfactoryart.com/> and Café Amelie <http://www.cafe-amelie.de/>

Dates: Commenced August, 2012 and continuing at various locations in Germany.

Collaborators:

- Debbie T. Davies, Visual Artist www.theiloveyouproject.net
- Julius Schön, Sound Artist www.juliusschonphotography.com

DESCRIPTION

A few weeks ago residents of Bockenheim could be heard saying "I love you" in Kurdish, Portuguese, Swahili, English, French and other languages at the request of New York artist Debbie Davies. Armed with an electronic microscope, she recorded, over three days, videos of 80 people saying "I love you" in over 30 languages for www.THE I LOVE YOU PROJECT.net

The microscope camera creates unusual photographic images that play with skin tone, contrast, color, and light in unexpected and uncontrollable ways. The videos play with a delay, creating a dreamy quality to the images as people say "I love you" into the camera in their native language. The camera dismisses our differences and captures pure humanity. The first I Love You Project was conducted during 2011 in Raval, Barcelona. That exhibit was an immersive experience sharing the beautiful faces and voices of the diverse cultures of the people who live and work in Raval. Neighbors who never spoke to each other finally met.

The Hessen project began shooting at The Dream Factory Gallery in Bockenheim during the week of August 6 through 8, and at Café Amelie in Giessen on August 9th. This is the beginning of the Hessen installment of The I Love You Project; which, when completed, will be exhibited in a roaming show to be displayed in various locations throughout Germany. The exhibit locations are to be announced at a later date, as are the additional project shoot locations (additional shoots will take place over the next few months in Giessen and Frankfurt). The planned German exhibition will also show portraits and video shot by New York-based Debbie Davies combined with an original soundtrack composed by Frankfurt-based sound artist Julius Schön containing the voices and words of a multi-cultural German population. Through this project, the duo hope to unite the members of the communities, and show Germany and the world that change and peace is accomplished through love, and the connection of one person to another in a very personal way. People come into the project as strangers, and leave as friends. People can contribute to the project, which has not yet received government or corporate funding by visiting: <http://www.indiegogo.com/TheILoveYouProjectGermany>

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