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Largest international photo festival in The Netherlands



This year Amsterdam Photo Foundation organises the fifth edition of GRID – International Photography Biennial – from May 16th until July 1st 2012. GRID is a bi-annual photo festival focussed on contemporary image culture, which will showcase works of international renowned photographers and emerging talents. GRID2012 will be hosted in: Amsterdam, Amstelveen, Amersfoort, Apeldoorn, Beemster and Haarlem.

At various venues in the participating cities international exhibitions will be on display, of which most have not been shown in The Netherlands before. Works of more than 100 artists will be shown and the exhibitions originate from 39 different countries, including: Albania, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Indonesia, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Morocco, Mexico, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Palestine, Peru, The Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, South-Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay. Also there are two exhibitions curated specifically for GRID2012 *The consequence of consequence* by Getty Images and *DOCUMENTED: Men's Cult* by CODE magazine.

The majority of these exhibitions have been selected by various curators, based on the central theme of GRID2012 *Urban Reality Check – Reflections on changing behaviour and space*. Worldwide society and communities are constantly changing, which has intrusive effects on its people, both economic and social. All participating artists express their personal vision of (urban) reality in their work.

The main location of GRID2012 is an industrial factory hall (address Cruquiusweg 67) in East Amsterdam, where the majority of international exhibitions will be showcased. A variety of events and activities are also organised, such as: talks, workshops, photo competitions and discussions. In addition, there is an OFF GRID Program (in all participating cities) which consists of numerous exhibitions and creative statements by participating museums, galleries and the creative industry.

The full program can be found on www.gridphotofestival.com

Amsterdam Photo Foundation was founded in 1999 and organises GRID – International Photography Biennial, the largest international photo festival in The Netherlands. The mission of Amsterdam Photo Foundation is to promote contemporary image culture and to stimulate an international dialogue.

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