

BERLIN 1989 MILANO 2009 FREEDOM DAY

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9th November 2009 will mark the **twentieth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall**. Milan will be celebrating this day with **two public installations, on show** for a week **from 9th to 15th November**, aimed at recalling and recreating the atmosphere and the emotions experienced in Germany during that period.



LIVIO SENIGALLIESI

1989 Berlin Year Zero. Pictures by **photo reporter Livio Senigalliesi** will be on display in Via Sirtori, opposite no. 32 (Porta Venezia area), where **a symbolic section of the Wall** – 49 feet long and almost 12 feet tall – **will be rebuilt**. Senigalliesi captured images that have made history – like the very first pictures of the Stasi building – and documented a Germany that no longer exists today.

22 black and white photos that will take us directly back to the Berlin of the late 1980s.

In Milan, in Via Sirtori opposite no. 32 from 9th to 15th November

Inauguration: Monday 9th November at 7.00pm with a **live painting performance** by artist **Giona Bernardi**. Curators: Giulia Zorzi and Flavio Franzoni for **MiCamera Cultural Association**



FEHLSTELLE

THE ZONE. Between the towers of Isola.

FEHLSTELLE is a collective of artists, former students of Thomas Ruff from the famous Düsseldorf art school. Here in Milan they will erect **two lookout towers**, like those that once guarded the area surrounding the Berlin Wall. The location chosen is the **Bussa flyover** as it joins the two sides of Milan that are divided by railway lines and by Porta Garibaldi train station. The setting is that of the **Isola quarter**, an area that is today an open-air construction site undergoing a profound transformation, from a district famous for its craftsmen to a “Fashion District”. The two 31 feet tall towers will illuminate the flyover with searchlights, thus recreating that feeling of menace and anxiety experienced in those years by the East Germans, while transforming the flyover itself into an open-air theatre at which other artists will be invited to perform.

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The inauguration will take place on Tuesday 10th November from 7.00pm – the artists performing will be:

- **SchillerWendt** _ Christian Schiller and Marianne Wendt are two German artists who will present the specially-written sound installation 'GRENZLAND' (borderland). Two 20-minute tracks inspired by the events of summer 1989 in Hungary, on the borders of which Eastern Germans gathered hoping to cross over. Hungary eventually opened its doors to German citizens on 11th September 1989. In collaboration with Blistersound.
- **Orticanoodles** _ Orticanoodles is a tag that first appeared in Milan in 2005. The distinguishing feature of Orticanoodles is the use of the stencil technique as a new form of Graffiti Art. For this installation, Orticanoodles will realize a wall painting named 'The prison', representing the constraint exercised on people by the Berlin Wall, creating a work on the side of one of the towers (23 x 13.5 feet). A live painting performance starting on the day of the inauguration that will continue on the following days.
- **Studio Trickster** (Karin Freschi, Filippo Borella) is a group of artists that focuses on the divisions between public and private, turning the social role of urban and domestic spaces upside down by experimenting with scenarios and action aimed at creating a new resistance. *Geboren zum fallen/Born to fall* is an action in memory of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Impenetrable, isolating, repelling, the wall is made of elastic material - it welcomes attempts at contact, giving the illusion of proximity, and then amplifies its strength in refusal, distancing, discouraging and wearing you down. Two tireless groups of people divided by the wall longing to get in contact with the other side, a reunification that will only happen after their death.

LA ZONA. Between the lookout towers at Isola is a project by **FEHLSTELLE**.

Curators: Alessandra Cosi, Giulia Zorzi and Flavio Franzoni.

Inauguration: 10th November 2009 at 7.00pm. The installation will be on show **until Sunday 15th November.**

||| DISCUSSION SESSION |||

Wednesday 11th November: a conversation with **Livio Senigalliesi**, Morgenpost correspondent **Uta Keseling**, the **FEHLSTELLE** collective and **Daniele Protti**, editor-in-chief of *L'Europeo*, the magazine that dedicated an issue to the fall of the Berlin Wall and Germany's reunification.

Also present will be Alessandra Cosi and Giulia Zorzi, curators of the project.

The event will take place at 7.00pm at Spazio Anni Luce - via Sirtori 32, followed by light refreshments.

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