

Press Release



Exhibition, Reading, Music

SUBURBIA, ME!

The life of a gay teacher in Kyiv's suburbia

From Munich's twin city Kyiv, the artist Ivan Moon presents his partly autobiographical photographs at the language school Edeltraud. The actor Herbert Schäfer will read the stories behind at the opening on Sunday, 17th of March, 6 pm. The electro indie band Squareplatz plays three of their songs exclusively for the occasion

Munich, 5th of February 2019 – Ivan lives in the suburbs of Kyiv, left bank, far away from the picturesque streets and parks of the old town. He works as a teacher in a public school. And he hides the fact that he is gay. Ivan shares an apartment with his mother. On Sundays, to be alone, he roams his neighborhood and takes photos. The camera in front of his eyes helps him better understand the things around him – life in suburbia.

The artist Ivan Moon sets a story behind each of his photo motifs. The stories tell of himself, Ivan, and sometimes of Brutt: that's the pseudonym he uses to publish articles in his blog (and, by the way, the name of his favourite chocolate). Brutt can live the life that Ivan is denied as a gay man in Ukraine. Ivan himself can only observe. Moon's stories get under your skin. They are touching and shocking at the same time which makes everything kind of poetic.

Greetings from the consul

We will present the twelve photographs of Ivan Moon along with texts and a new exhibition catalogue at the language school Edeltraud. There will be short welcome speeches from Lydia Dietrich, ex city councillor and mother of the Kyiv-Munich cooperation, as well as Dmytro Shevchenko, Consul of Ukraine in Munich. Guest of



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honour: art historian Dr. Susanna Partsch who provided an analysis of the artist's work for the exhibition catalogue. Last but not least, we are proud to announce a premiere: the electro-indie-band Squareplatz will play some of their new songs exclusively for us.

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When: Sunday, 17th of March (vernissage: 6 pm), until Sunday, 14th of April 2019; Photographs: Ivan Moon, reading: Herbert Schäfer, music: Squareplatz

Where: Edeltraud, Deutschzentrum München e.V., Landwehrstr. 44, back building, 80336 Munich

Organized by: CSD Munich, Munich Kyiv Queer, Cultural Department of the City of Munich

Munich and Kyiv are twin cities and cooperate in many areas. Since 2012 the LGBTI-communities of both cities have also been supporting each other. The Munich Kyiv Queer contact group coordinates the cooperation between both communities. Munich Pride and KyivPride have also entered into a partnership with the aim of improving the human rights situation for lesbians, gays, bi-, trans*- and inter*-people in Ukraine. The joint work has long since extended beyond Kyiv to the whole of Ukraine.

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