

Web Launch of the Roma Media Archive

www.romamediaarchive.net

UNESCO, Palazzo Zorzi, Castello 4930 – Venezia.

3rd June 2011 at 13:00

Presented by participating artists of the Roma Media Archive

In the context of:

**Call the Witness, Roma Pavilion Collateral Event, Live Testimonies
54th International Art Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia, 2011**

The Roma Media Archive is an accumulation of artistic, documentary and activist works produced by a wide range of Roma and not Roma artists. The varied and multi-disciplinary approach of these works shows everyday life and urgent issues that Roma communities and individuals are facing in contemporary society. Presented on this platform are many works; some which challenge racist images about Roma; or show Roma living with oppression and prejudice; there are also both individual and community based projects; which overall, in their breadth and complexity add a broader social, political and artistic context to the work physically displayed in the Roma Pavilion.

This project was originally initiated by Suzana Milevska, a theorist and curator, who is based in Skopje, Macedonia. She has invited a worldwide range of participating artists, to share their archives, as testimonials of their research endeavours, in solidarity with the Roma people.

This project and web-platform will also continue long after the Venice Biennale as an open collaborative and participatory project for the accumulation of Roma and non-Roma artists work. Outreach programs are envisaged to bring various works back to the Roma communities where they were first produced.

Participating artists include:

Bruce **Barber** Sasa **Barbul** Katalin **Barsony** Cristiano **Berti** Bodvalenke **Fresco**
Project Tina **Carr** Edouard **Chiline** Hannah **Collins** Leone **Contini** Nigel
Dickinson Konstantina **Drakopoulou** EU-Roma Eduard **Freudmann** Zoran
Kubura Haris **Kulenovic** Alexandra **Gulea** Maria **Kjartans** Marta **Kotlarska**
Ivana **Marjanovic** Dusko **Miljanic** Malgorzata **Mirga-Tas** Tanja **Ostojic** Nihad
Nino **Pusija** Claudia **Radulescu** Eva **Sajovic** Marika **Schmiedt** Annemarie
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Roma Media Archive @ Venetian Navigator Exhibition

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3rd & 4th June 21:00 – 23:00