

Ministry of Culture
Maistrova 10
1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have been informed about the current situation for the contemporary art scene in Slovenia, about the removal by the Ministry of Culture of financial and structural support for some of most valuable arts organisations and initiatives in Slovenia including Delak Institute, DUM - Društvo Umetnikov, Emanat Institute, Maska Institute, MOTA Museum, Nomad Dance Academy Slovenija, Pekinpah and Zavod Federacija.

Slovenian contemporary art has long been making a significant contribution to the European contemporary art scene and beyond. The current cuts are undoubtedly going to drastically impact the capacity of your contemporary arts scene to continue to exchange and deepen connections, and to bring those exchanges back to Slovenia to enliven and enrich local and national culture.

I join with my Slovenian colleagues who have requested our support to express deep concern in regard to the current events between the independent art scene and the Ministry of Culture.

And I support their protest and appeal as follows:

We protest over the current situation and we appeal for:

- *inclusion of the competent professionals into the vital decision-making processes on Ministry of culture*
- *enlargement of the budgets for culture, particularly for the non-profit organizations*
- *re-structuring of the Ministry of Culture to achieve more coherent politics towards independent art scene in Slovenia*
- *beginning of dialogue with independent art scene in Slovenia*
- *an inclusive vision for development of cultural policies, with the focus on the status of independent art.*

With commitment and support for the art scene in Slovenia.

best regards,



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