

Fung Collaboratives + Redwood City Improvement Association

Art Kiosk presents

Ilya & Emilia Kabakov

They are Flying



Curated by Lance M. Fung
October 1 - December 8, 2022
2208 Broadway, Redwood City

About the exhibition:

The Art Kiosk is thrilled to present the work of Ukrainian artists Ilya and Emilia Kabakov. Both artists were born and raised in Dnepropetrovsk, Soviet Union and are recognized as the most important Russian artists to have emerged in the late 20th century. Ilya's early installations

speak as much about conditions in post-Stalinist Russia as they do about the human condition universally. Their new works may be seen in leading museums around the world.

They are Flying is a massive new painting that will be on view in the form a large cylindrical lantern for *Constellations: Global Reflections*, the first art exhibition created for a G20 summit. Curator Lance Fung asked the Kabakovs to participate to represent both Russia and the Ukraine in this historic exhibition. One leading artist from each G20 member state has been commissioned to make a new artwork to be seen in Bali this November. Following the special pre-view for the G20, B20 and O20 summits, *Constellations* will be on view for the public to enjoy throughout much of 2023. We are very honored to have the opportunity to preview the Kabakov's artwork as well as give the Bay Area a sneak peek of *Constellations: Global Reflections*. The full exhibition may be seen on www.fungcollaboratives.org in November.

Artist statement:

We are Flying, 2022

We don't know exactly why or when this event happened. People started to fly.

Is it because the time has come when it is impossible to live on earth and everybody moved to virtual reality or even another planet?

Are they already living in another dimension flying around, meeting others, having parties in the imaginary space in the sky, fishing and even harnessing birds to fly with them?

Or just the opposite...

The earth is so clean and beautiful that we ourselves became weightless and can fly?

There is no longer any need for airplanes or cars. The air is clear and transparent and people just enjoy life going on vacation to different parts of the world and buying souvenirs from faraway places. There is no pollution, no aggression, no wars.

The humans are now just living in a beautiful paradise called earth.

We don't know if this is a fantasy or a prediction but we do know that it is up to all of us to attempt to make this a reality for the next generation and for the near future. *Ilya and Emilia Kabakov, 2022*

About the Art Kiosk

The Art Kiosk aims to bring thought-provoking installations and public art to Redwood City and the Bay Area through eight, six week-long exhibitions during 2022. Artists from the region and around the world have been invited to realize their ambitious site-specific artworks for our Bay Area audience to enjoy. The initiative was conceived and is curated by Lance M. Fung. Donated project management of the exhibition series is provided by Fung Collaboratives. The Redwood City Improvement Association (RCIA) is the sole sponsor ever since the inaugural year of 2019. Redwood City acts as the logistical partner. Please drop by for a visit 24/7 at 2208 Broadway, Redwood City, CA.

Details found at: www.fungcollaboratives.org