

Else Lasker-Schueler: I have brought Love into the World ...

We need your voice!

Transit Lounge Else/Lift to the Stars

We need your voice for the world wide unique Centre for Persecuted Arts! Maybe you would love to do something with the poetry of Else Lasker-Schueler. A writer and painter who was persecuted by the Nazis and was probably the first hippie!

The spoken word is what counts / Check against delivery

Every artist who gives his voice to the project is part of a permanent art installation that can be experienced in its entirety only in the Centre for Persecuted Arts.

Your voice for the Centre for Persecuted Arts!

We would like you to record a minimum of a verse or a maximum of a complete poem of Else Lasker-Schueler's poetry for that. It is something like the icebucket challenge without getting cold and wet or spending money. Just with reading a short piece of wonderful poetry. A good iPhone recording in a quiet surrounding will do! You can send the file via email to us.

The Project:

A multilingual sound installation in the Centre for Persecuted Arts culminates in a messenger for the freedom of art and communication. Else Lasker-Schueler's magnificent poems form its core.

German actor Günter Lamprecht (Berlin Alexanderplatz) is our patron and participating. Iain Glen did send his contribution as well as Tomi Ungerer or Nobel-Prize-winner Elfriede Jelinek or Israeli artist Sigalit Landau. Actor and producer Bob Balaban did it as well!

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The aim is a multilingual voice cosmos of 1000 + 1 voices which in its entirety portrays Else Lasker-Schueler's poetic cosmos and becomes a chorus audible throughout the world campaigning for the freedom of art.

Art in the Box/ Telephone Box

The final installation is a mutated phone box. In Transit Lounge Else/Lift to the Stars, the members of the public can select every single one of the 1000 + 1 tracks specifically by telephone. There is a telephone book with the track numbers of all the artists.

Please contact us and we will send the poems to you via email!

You can already choose between English, French, German, Hebrew, Russian, Turkish, Czech, Italian or Spanish.

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The internationally active Centre for Persecuted Arts was set up in Solingen in 2015. This institution, the only one in the world, does not only document the history of National Socialism and of exile, but also addresses the persecuted contemporary artists.

In 1896, Else Lasker-Schueler was born in the Bergisches Land, the same area in which the Centre for Persecuted Arts is currently being set up. From there, she started out into the world. She locked Satan into Heaven and God into a smoking Hell and her poems are amongst the most beautiful in world literature. Else Lasker-Schueler also wrote in resistance against dictatorship and displacement. In 1945, she died in exile in Jerusalem.

