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<http://vimeo.com/25576626>

On Friday 24 June at noon local time, coloured smoke bombs went off all around the world in a peaceful arts supporters citizens' initiative launched by the Dutch cultural sector. **ARTBOMB** was one signal, one moment, one act to show support in the face of huge cuts to the arts budget in the Netherlands and elsewhere.

ARTBOMB invited participants to join the initiative in shrouding art locations across the world in coloured smoke. This visual act was be a sign of resistance against the growing disdain for the arts within societies and governments worldwide, and a sign of support for colleagues who face major cutbacks. Now is the time to act to show your appreciation and the necessity of the arts!

<http://vimeo.com/25548471>

ARTBOMB was a peaceful art intervention initiated in The Netherlands. The Dutch Government is about to cut 40% of all cultural funding. This will result in the disappearance of a multitude of organizations that excel internationally in their field. This loss will be felt not only by the Dutch public but by the international community.

One signal, one moment, one act to show support. You can contribute visual ammunition against the disproportionate cuts to the arts budget. This visible intervention will rise up around the world where people value the arts and want to express their support for artists and cultural organizations.

Everybody who joined the ARTBOMB intervention became part of this chain reaction and was invited to upload the photos and films of their own intervention to the website www.artbomb.nl as a token of solidarity and a symbol of strength.

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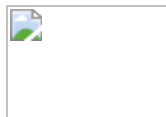
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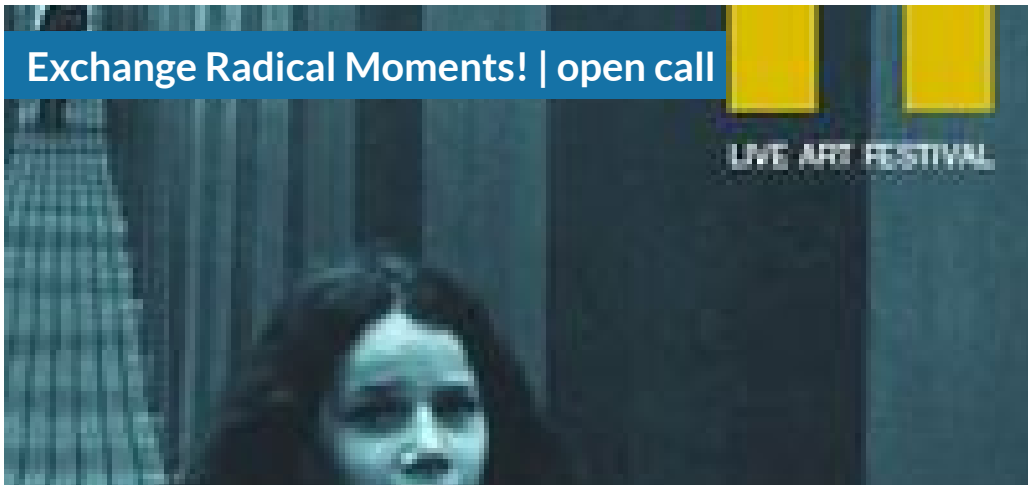


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