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BONIZZI, V.; Curated by LEUZZI, L.

2019

This file contains some notes about the exhibition, followed by a copy of the exhibition poster.





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Artist: Valentina Bonizzi; Curator: Laura Leuzzi (University of Dundee)

**Abstract** 

This solo exhibition, curated by Laura Leuzzi, featured two video works by artist Valentina Bonizzi. The works

show the results and failures of the artist's persistent attempts to preserve a story - whether that of a small

bird, or of a family album's photographs. Valentina Bonizzi digs into archives and communities to highlight

issues of social justice in her work. This exhibition was made with support of the Creative Scotland Artist

Award.

Details of exhibited works

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[Undated], 5' loop.

This is an unedited video installation, resulting from the work that Bonizzi conducted in Palestine between

2014 and 2016. It is focused around the mapping of photography in the Dheisheh Refugee Camp, where the

artist lived and worked with the local community as part of the "Campus in Camps" program. The work

explores residents' personal and political relationships with photography, in context of conflict and territorial

occupation.

Is It Yours?

2014, 2' loop.

This film was shot with a mobile phone at the checkpoint between Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The main

protagonist of the film is a small bird, trapped in one of the border patrol's facilities.

## About the artist

Digging into archives and communities, Valentina Bonizzi's work highlights issues of social justice in relation to the politics of time in specific contexts. Bonizzi holds a Masters degree from Glasgow School of Art and a PhD (AHRC funded) from DJCAD, University of Dundee. Bonizzi has received awards from Creative Scotland, Arts and Business, and the Arts and Humanities Research Council - by whom she was nominated for the "Best Research in Film Award" in 2016. She is the 2019 recipient of the Gjon Mili biennial award for best artwork at the National Gallery of Kosovo.

She has taken part in exhibitions in galleries and museums such as: the National Galleries of Scotland, the British School at Rome, the Stills Gallery (Edinburgh), Fondazione Fotografia Modena, the Cooper Gallery (Dundee), and the Zeta Gallery (Tirana). She has presented her work in a number of institutions, such as the Ramallah Academy of the Arts, Akademie der Künste (Berlin), CCA (Glasgow), Villa Romana (Florence), and MAXXI (Rome). In 2017 she was invited to the first edition of Autostrada Biennale in Prizren, Kosovo.



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VALENTINA BONIZZI AT NOMAS\* PROJECTS UNTIL 29.11.19

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