



KIBELA

AUSSTELLUNG! LAIBACH KUNST : UNTERNEHMEN BARBAROSSA

30 August–5 October 2024

MMC KIBLA/KiBela

You are cordially invited to the opening of the exhibition **AUSSTELLUNG! LAIBACH KUNST : UNTERNEHMEN BARBAROSSA**, which will take place on **Friday, 30 August 2024, at 7 p.m. at the KiBela space for art.**

With this total installation, the collective, which has been for over 40 years successfully creating artistic provocations in all media and forms, in all areas and at every neuralgic point in the world, from the West to the Far East, from Nazism to Fascism, from socialism to capitalism, at both poles of the Cold War and on the untrodden paths of all three world wars and from North to South Korea, marches in retrogarde fashion into the period of the Second World War and afterwards, just as Nazi Germany encoded the attack on the Soviet Union on 22nd June 1941 with its *Operation Barbarossa*.

When a black and white pen and ink drawing is juxtaposed with selected motifs by sculptor, painter and illustrator Nikolaj Pirnat in a constellation with the Afghan hand-knotted rug that translates the painted motif into a woven one, the weavers add color, texture and the role of a useful object. The view from above is opened up, the physical sensation is evoked and new meanings are revealed – artistic, cultural, historical, social, economic and political.

The pen and ink drawing by Laibach as a fragile, sensitive structure and base for the rug of the Afghan weavers, as a robust carpet on which one can walk, sit or lie, thus reveals itself in this total of work of art as a unique dialog of cultures and arts – a metaphysical one for us and a physical one for them. At the same time, it underlines the interdependence of the two “civilizations”, as one cannot exist without the other, regardless of the relationship between them. If the symbol of all civilizations is man and our natural evolution and cultural progress, then this kind of cooperation is a way forward that shines through the chaos as red rays on the Slovenian “*Guernica*”, the anti-war composition by the group Laibach, which contains the partisan motifs of graphic artist Nikolaj Pirnat.

< *Laibach: AUSSTELLUNG! LAIBACH KUNST : UNTERNEHMEN BARBAROSSA, pen and ink drawing and carpet, 2024; photo: Lauba*

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Opening hours: from Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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