

Press information

Olafur Eliasson / David Adjaye: Your black horizon Art Pavilion on the Island of Lopud, Croatia

Having earned great critical acclaim and enthusiastic responses from local and international visitors *Your black horizon Art Pavilion* opens for a third and final season on the Croatian island of Lopud near Dubrovnik.

In an interdisciplinary approach, merging the fields of art and architecture, Danish-Icelandic artist Olafur Eliasson and London-based architect David Adjaye were commissioned by Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary (T-B A21) to conceive an environment in which ephemeral visual appearance and architectural formulations were considered as “an interlocking equation.” *Your black horizon Art Pavilion* was inaugurated in June 2005 as an official project at the 51st Venice Biennale of Visual Arts and moved to Lopud in 2007 into a completely different context.

“The pavilions are intended as spaces searching for new models of artistic and architectural engagement with specific sites. This project celebrates impermanence, and it’s interaction with nature and local communities, trying to engage a wider appreciation of the role of art in unexpected sites and circumstances, which is a driving force behind T-B A21,” states Francesca von Habsburg, who has been involved with conservation projects on the island of Lopud for many years, an island rich in heritage and preserved nature. On the sloping terrain the visitors are seduced through the traditional landscape of cypress trees, cacti and olive groves before approaching the unexpected pavilion. The island, once a famous site of Renaissance summer residencies of the local nobilities, is now re-animated by the contemporary architectural statement.

Inside, the pavilion is a “black box” – a dark background for the artificial 360° horizon of light that flows without interruption around the perimeter of the space. As the light changes color reflecting the natural color of daylight while it metamorphoses from dawn to dusk, it creates an inner landscape of contemplation, activating the visitors’ memory of the natural horizon. Upon exiting the pavilion the visitors can draw their own “black horizon” line which is embedded on their retina for a few more seconds, onto the horizon line that stretches between the neighboring islands of Sipan and Mljet, thus for a few moments becoming an integral part of the work itself. This personal experience is simple and playful, and creates the accessibility that contemporary art needs to find with its potential audience.

Information:

Your black horizon Art Pavilion

Lopud Island, Croatia

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open daily from 11.00 am to 7.00 pm

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Free Admission

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