



Shirley Villavicencio Pizango

The Most Sunny Hour of Your Night

Curated by Matthias Vico Persson

22 May – 19 June 2022

Koopvaardijlaan 3, 9000 Ghent

Ti-Pi is pleased to present *The Most Sunny Hour of Your Night*, opening on Sunday 22 May and on view until 19 June. The exhibition is inspired by the century-old collection of letters by Austrian writer Rainer Maria Rilke, *Letters to a Young Poet*. Director of Ti-Pi and curator of the exhibition Matthias Vico Persson sought to bring together a group of artists whose works reflect the messages of introspection and artistic drive that Rilke valued so strongly.

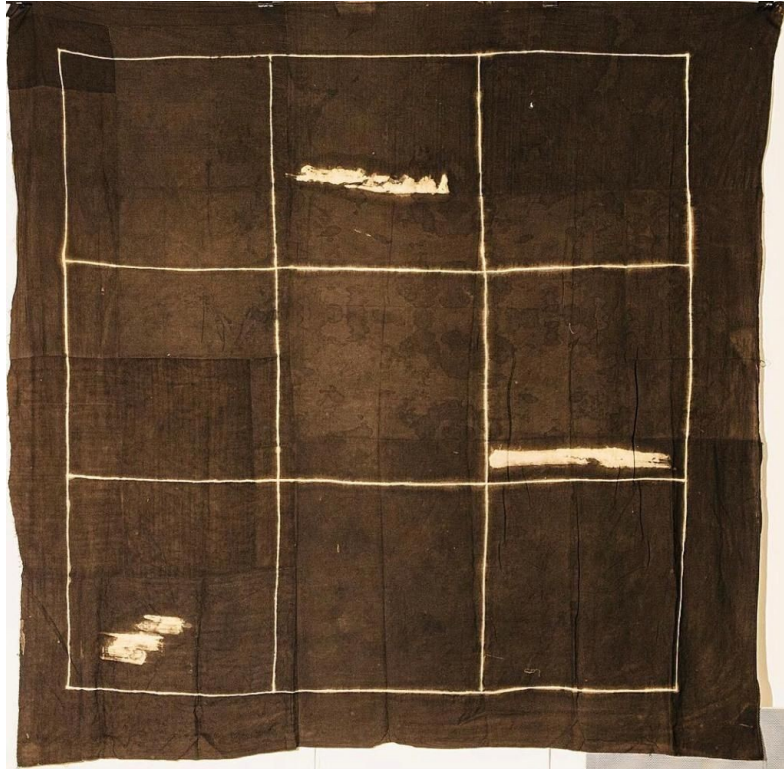
Repurposing an abandoned historic three-story building in an industrial but centrally located neighborhood in Ghent, the exhibition features 13 international artists whose disciplines range from painting, sculpture, weaving, and more.

Notable artists include Beninese painter **Roméo Mivekannin**, Ghent-based artist with Peruvian roots **Shirley Villavicencio Pizango**, French mixed media artist **Damien Poulain** and Romanian sculptor, painter, and storyteller **Marius Ritiu**.

The artists in the exhibition each reflect the excerpt by Rilke in their own ways, and all have, to some extent, faced the sort of introspection that Rilke speaks about. Common for them is that they each offer a visually rich experience that has the power to lift spirits. I'm not interested in an intellectual approach to art. Sometimes it is as if sophisticated people are

afraid of enthusiasm. But I believe that art can lift your spirit with its presence and its beauty. And at the same time, art has the power to make you see more than you knew. It can make you face yourself and recognize yourself as part of something bigger. In that sense, art can also console and give hope". says Matthias Vico Persson.

As the current Director of Artist Residencies at the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation, this is the first exhibition that Persson is directing and curating in Belgium.



Roméo Mivekannin

NOTES TO THE EDITOR

MONUMENTO

Belgium-based non-profit Monumento is repurposing abandoned buildings around Ghent to host art exhibitions, artist residencies, and conversations. The partnership with Ti-Pi speaks on the rapidly growing artistic creative community in Ghent as well as its ever-changing cityscape. Of course, its city-center boasts the historic medieval architecture Ghent is known for, but its surrounding areas are being repurposed and reinvented for new businesses, coffee shops, restaurants, etc. Ti-Pi is literally located in the middle of this change, in the harbor area nearby Dok Noord.

<https://www.monumento.be/>

ART FOR UKRAINE

On top of its physical presence, *The Most Sunny Hour of Your Night* will also consist of an online exhibition in tandem with the physical one. The online exhibition will feature select works from the same 13 artists and the proceeds made will go directly to artists and art

professionals who have been affected by the war in Ukraine. The online exhibition will start one week earlier than the physical one: From 16 May to 19 June 2022.

<https://www.transientprojects.be/art-for-ukraine>

Ti-Pi

Ti-Pi is dedicated to artistic research and exposure. Initially based in Paris, under the name Transient Projects To People (TPTP), the exhibition space now works in a nomadic manner, re-emerging in Ghent, Belgium in partnership with Monumento, an agency temporarily repurposing architectural heritage. On three floors of an abandoned building near Dampoort Station, the space will host art exhibitions, workshops, screenings, and artists' discussions directed and curated by Matthias Vico Persson, who is also the current Director of Artists Residencies at The Josef and Anni Albers Foundation.

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