

MANIFESTATIONS

## CO-LAB COPENHAGEN

Overgaden, Copenhagen, Denmark

09 Apr 2016 - 25 Jun 2016





Christian Etongo, Credit: Ellen Friis



**COLAB Copenhagen is a meeting between two ways of constructing the memory, history and self-perception of individuals and states. It is taking place in various institutions and medias in Copenhagen, and is open to the public in a series of 4 COLAB Samtalekøkkener in April, May and June 2016 in Overgaden Art hall.**

Who owns the job of deciding which stories to remember and which stories to forget? Can we be involved in this decision-making?

The problem with history and many of the institutionalized cultural knowledge is that, normally, it only recognizes a past made by opinion leaders, meaning makers or memory makers of a society, who select memory items from the past, relate with recent items and prepare them for consolidation into stable collective memories. We embody those narratives of events and we are led to believe that they constitute the criteria to experience and measure our past and present realities, leaving behind all the other angles from which other individuals and communities looked at the same events.

CO-LAB COPENHAGEN invites international artists and Danish officials from different Danish public institutions, to collaborate during a month residence, to create a new performative work.

The 8 international artists are selected for their ability to give voice to counter-stories and personal interpretations of official narratives in their own countries. They are paired with representatives of Danish national institutions, archives and media. Two ways of memory-making meet and exchange knowledge and inspiration. At four public Samtalekøkken events at Overgaden, the audience will meet the couples and be invited to take part in the process and the dialogue.

**International Artists: Ali Alfatlawi and Wathic Alameri (IQ), Jelili Atiku (NG), Ammar Abo Bakr (EG), Christian Etongo (CM), Khaled Jarrar (PS), Odun Orimolade (NG) Ato Malinda (KE),**

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**CO-LAB COPENHAGEN – Conversation Kitchen #1**

**9 April 2016** – Event Introduction at Overgaden

**CO-LAB COPENHAGEN – Conversation Kitchen #2**

**30th April 2016** – Food, drinks, performances and talks from 14-17 at Overgaden

Featuring: Ato Malinda (KE), Peter van der Meijden (DK), Christian Etongo (CM), Jessie Kleemann (GL), Odun Orimolade (NG), Mette Garfield (DK).

**CO-LAB COPENHAGEN – Conversation Kitchen #3**

**24th May 2016** – Food, drinks, performances and talks from 17-20 at Overgaden Featuring: Khaled Jarrar (PS), Brian Mikkelsen (DK), Jelili Atiku (NG), Alette Scavenius (DK), Ammar Abo Bakr (EG), Torben Sangild (DK).

**CO-LAB COPENHAGEN – Conversation Kitchen #4**

**25th June 2016** – Food, drinks, performances and talks from 14-17 at Overgaden Featuring: Ali Alfatlawi and Wathic Alameri (Urnamo Studio (IQ))

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