

## Artists and Participants of the Upcoming 9<sup>a</sup> Bienal do Mercosul | Porto Alegre

May 17, 2013, World Telecommunication Day. — This morning, the 9th Bienal do Mercosul | Porto Alegre launched the Cloud Formations, a five-month pedagogical program especially designed for the educators, mediators and aficionados of the 9th edition, from 13 September to 10 November, 2013, weather permitting. The program took place at the Teatro São Pedro. It included a lecture on curiosity by Sundar Sarukkai, and the reception, to those willing, of a telepathic message sent by artist Eduardo Navarro from his home in Buenos Aires, Argentina. As part of this kick-off program, the Bienal announced the artists whose work will be featured in the exhibition, Portals, Forecasts, and Monotypes, as well as in its project Island Sessions.

### Participating Artists

Allora & Calzadilla – Anthony Arrobo – Tarek Atoui – Nicolás Bacal – Luis F. Benedict – Bik Van der Pol – Christian Bök – Liudvikas Buklys – Audrey Cottin – Elena Damiani – Koenraad Dedobbeleer – Jason Dodge – Fernando Duval – Faivovich & Goldberg – Cao Fei – Mario Garcia Torres – Hope Ginsburg – Juan Jose Gurrola – Hans Haacke – Malak Helmy – Fritzia Irizar – Eduardo Kac – Zahenia Kikodze for Yuri Zlotnikov – Fernanda Laguna – Suwon Lee – George Levantis – Ana Laura López de la Torre – Gilda Mantilla & Raimond Chavez – Nicholas Mangan – Allan McCollum – Cinthia Marcelle – David Medalla – Marta Minujín – Aleksandra Mir – Eduardo Navarro – Edgar Orlaineta – The Otolith Group – Trevor Paglen – Tania Pérez Córdova – Pratchaya Phinthong – William Raban – Sara Ramo – Luiz Roque – Grethell Rasua – Robert Rauschenberg – Thiago Rocha Pitta – Daniel Santiago – Mira Schendel – Beto Shwafaty – Lucy Skaer – Tony Smith – Daniel Steegmann – Vassilakis Takis – Sandrine Teixido & Aurelien Gamboni – Erika Verzutti – Jorge Villacorta of Alta Tecnologia Andina with Rodrigo Derteano – Jessica Warboys – David Zink Yi – Michel Zózimo. – The artists especially commissioned to create pictures or moving images for Island Sessions are: Danilo Christidis

– Fernanda Gassen – Romy Pocztaruk – Katia Prates – Letícia Ramos – Leonardo Remor – Tiago Rivaldo.

### Curatorial Team

Sofía Hernández Chong Cuy is the artistic director and chief curator of the 9<sup>a</sup> Bienal do Mercosul | Porto Alegre. The curatorial team includes: Mônica Hoff, ground curator and head of Cloud Formations; Raimundas Malašauskas, time curator; Bernardo de Souza, space curator; and curatorial cloud fellows: Sarah Demeuse, Daniela Pérez, Júlia Rebouças, and Dominic Willsdon. Luiza Proença is the editorial coordinator.

### Venues

The participating venues of the 9th Bienal do Mercosul | Porto Alegre include: Usina do Gasômetro, Museu de Artes do Rio Grande do Sul – MARGS, Santander Cultural, and Memorial do Rio Grande do Sul. Performances and special programs take place at different venues in the city and its vicinity, including Teatro Bruno Kiefer in Porto Alegre, ilha do Presídio in the Guaíba, and Fundação Vera Chaves Barcelo in Viamão.

### Organizer

The 9th Bienal do Mercosul | Porto Alegre is organized by the Fundação Bienal de Artes Visuais do Mercosul. Created in 1996, the Fundação Bienal do Mercosul is a private, non-profit organization in Brazil with a mission is to develop cultural and educational projects in the field of visual arts, encouraging dialogues between contemporary artists and communities. Since its inception, the Fundação Bienal do Mercosul's priorities have been educational.

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