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A BOOK AFFAIR #5: CODEX DESTE

A Book Affair is a collaboration between
Goethe-Institut Athen and Radio Athènes

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DESTE Foundation project opening: Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 19:30
DESTE Foundation project duration: June 15–June 30, 2018

A Book Affair duration: May 11–November 30, 2018

Opening Hours,
Wednesday 16:00–20:00
Saturday 13:00–17:00

Special opening hours, June 15–June 23
Tuesday–Saturday 16:00–20:00
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A BOOK AFFAIR is a term used to describe a situation in which one is reading a short, casual, fun book, while attempting to read a much longer, more complex book. In this spirit, Radio Athènes is creating a temporary library/stage, which will be open to the public for the run of several months (May–November 2018). Within this period, Radio Athènes is inviting Greek and international publishers, authors, editors, and artists to present their work in lectures, talks, performances, and book signings. The selection spans art, theory, fashion, literature, psychoanalysis, architecture and design, a mix of ‘fun books’ and more ‘complex reading’. This project is used as an opportunity for events that include artists presenting monographs as well as mini-exhibitions in the second Radio Athènes space so that the ‘Book Affair’ is transformed into a real ‘salon’ situation. Local audiences and invited guests can exchange ideas, information and have access to one of the oldest forms of pleasure: books. The presentations/events will take place in the library and auditorium of the Goethe-Institut, the auditorium of the Benaki Museum, at Radio Athènes, which is transformed for the project by Berlin based architect Etienne Descloux, as well as in surprising locations in the city, depending on the format each participant chooses.

Codex DESTE

In the context of this project, the DESTE Foundation presents *Codex DESTE*, a special installation featuring all the publications that have accompanied the Foundation’s exhibitions from 1983 to this day as well as the *2000 Words* series of artist’s monographs. If an art catalogue, more than simply seeing images on paper, is a transcoding in book format of the event-making experience of an art exhibition or of an artwork, the installation *Codex DESTE* explores the physical dimension of publications in a specially designed environment. This is a material and rhizomatic



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inquiry into the constitutive role of art catalogues in the exhibitions history of the DESTE Foundation. The installation is complemented by the allegorical *GOD* (2013) by Drocco/Mello + TOILETPAPER and two video projections by Doug Aitken and Seth Price.

Codex DESTE will be on view at Radio Athènes between **June 15 and June 30, 2018**. The opening will take place on June 14, 2018.

A Book Affair is organized by the Goethe-Institut Athen and Radio Athènes.



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For more information on *A Book Fair*, please visit:

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A Book Affair participants:

DESTE Foundation for Contemporary Art, Real Review, Jack Self, PoLYpEN, Sabeth Buchmann, Kerstin Stakemeier, Next Spring, Laura Preston, Rare Books Paris, Gregory Brooks, Bill, Julie Peeters, Rosalind Nashashibi, Makis Malafekas, Paraguay Press, Thomas Boutoux, Joachim Hamou, Sequence Press, Miguel Abreu, Katherine Pickard, Urbanomic, Robin Mackay, Sternberg Press, The Serving Library, Lenio Kaklea, Merve, Fitzcarraldo Editions, Jacques Testard, Alikì Panagiotopoulou, Giti Nourbakhsh, Theodoros Giannakis, Primary Information, James Hoff, The Radio Athènes Library, Bless...and more