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ULAY / MARINA ABRAMOVIĆ ART VITAL

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12 Years of Ulay / Marina Abramović

The Cukrarna Gallery announces a major exhibition of works by acclaimed performance artists Marina Abramović and Ulay, organised by the curatorial team of Alenka Gregorič and Felicitas Thun-Hohenstein in collaboration with the Ulay Foundation, Lena Pislak, Sidney Fishman and the Marina Abramović Archive.

The exhibition offers for the first time a multilayered insight into the unique and uncompromising collaborative work and life of the artist couple Ulay and Marina Abramović over a period of 12 years between 1976 and 1988. Rather than being chronological the exhibition is conceptualised through different sections highlighting their nomadic practice and expanded personal archaeology with content drawn from all over the world – transcultural and trans-historical. The exhibition provides an overview of all phases of their collaboration and the themes explored in and through their work. In addition to presenting their already anthological performances with video documentation, photo series, and memorabilia, the exhibition places a strong focus on archival material such as photographs, letters, personal notes, recordings, music lists, and books.

The show includes various events such as re-enactments, film programmes, and discussion programmes that deepen the understanding of Abramović and Ulay's work and reflect on the significance of their artistic practice for the field of contemporary art.

ART VITAL – 12 Years of Ulay / Abramović is accompanied by a reprint of the legendary catalogue *Relation Work and Detour* (1980), published by the artists themselves – to be published in spring 2025 – as well as an extensive catalogue of the exhibition.

The inaugural venue for the exhibition will be Cukrarna Gallery in Ljubljana, Slovenia, the city where Ulay spent the last years of his life.

Curated by Alenka Gregorič and Felicitas Thun-Hohenstein.

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