'Gluklya' (Natalia Pershina-Yakimanskaya)

Wings of Migrants a transparent reseach



Wings of Migrants 2012 HD Film (loop) 17 minutes

This project is a collaboration between the artist Natalya Pershina-Yakimanskaya 'Gluklya' (<u>Factory of Found Clothes</u>, St. Petersburg, Russia) and Olga Sezneva (Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, UvA).

Wings of Migrants is a video installation which investigates - in a uniquely created setting of cultural encounter - the dynamics of interaction between representatives of Russia's ethno-national elite and migrants from Central Asia employed in the construction work. As an art form, Russian classical ballet is characterized by the desire for order, beauty and harmony. As a cultural phenomenon, it incorporates the idea of empire, power and discipline. As an institution, it continues to be dominated by ethnic Russians. Construction work, in contradistinction, is perceived as a polluted, disorderly, and undesirable activity. As in many other countries, construction workers are irregular, undocumented migrants, and are received with disrespect and discrimination. In *Wings of Migrants* the two groups meet and collaborate in the creation of a dance performance. How does this encounter unfold and what happens as its result? What do the participants learn from each other, what do they reject, and how do they change as they dance together? How can the arts and artists intervene in social problems and political reality?

- Olga Sezneva (Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, UvA)



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Destroying factories, orange migrants 2012 monoprint







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Death List 2012 Installation Neon vest and acrylic



Russia will disappear soon... 2012 Installation Watercolour , dress and acrylic



Protestdress

Protest Dress 2012 Installation Dress and acrylic



Costume of the Russian worker who lost his job ...

Costume of the Russian worker who lost his job... 2012 Installation Overalls and acrylic



Umid's Story Part IV 2012 Gouache on paper 64,3 x 89 cm cm