

The New Exhibition at Platform “20 Minus Minutes” 5-26 April 2003

Opening Times:

Tuesday- Wednesday- Thursday
1pm – 8 pm

Friday – Saturday
1pm- 10 pm

The first artists: **Libia Pérez de Siles de Castro** and **Ólafur Árni Ólafsson**, to participate in the Istanbul Residency Program (IRP) opened their exhibition “**20 Minus Minutes**” on Saturday 5th April. The artists (originally from Spain and Iceland) have created a performance-based, multi-media environment, involving physical and mental interventions, which will continue to include and involve visitors, as well as the gallery’s immediate surroundings.

They frame this exhibition with their own words: “The environment will fluctuate as it transforms and decays during the run of the exhibition. The project is not fixed within the walls of the space, nor within the duration of time. We will continue to meet people in and around the space as part of the on-going project.” The last stage of “20 Minus Minutes” will be a book, published this summer in Turkish and English.

Libia Pérez de Siles de Castro and Ólafur Árni Ólafsson have been collaborating and exhibiting internationally since 1996. The work / projects of the artists are site and situation related, performance-based and temporal. Conceptually and concretely they transform and create new spaces / atmospheres, where they intervene and document the environment. At Platform they are going to present a situation/ experience where different spaces / scapes, people and lives may collide with each other.

The artists have been in residence with IRP since the beginning of 2003, with the support of FONDS BKVB (The Netherlands Foundation for Visual Arts, Design and Architecture).