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RECHARGE YOUR SENSES

Wouldn't it be nice to be in a space where you can forget everything, turn off your thoughts and only focus on your senses for a moment? To find a moment of stillness? Come join us in Venice, where Bibi Smit will present her latest artwork *Surge* in the beautiful Palazzo Mora as part of the collective exhibition *Personal Structures*. This biennial exhibition is hosted by the European Cultural Centre and runs from April 20th till November 24th.

ABOUT THE ARTWORK

Bibi Smit's most recent artwork *Surge* is a site-specific installation that invites the audience to step away from reality as we perceive it. It consists of blown glass sculptures, video projections and sound. Filmed around her studio surroundings, each video looping shows fragments of water reflections and fire, creating a subtle, strange and dreamy image. The audience is invited to experience the alienating feeling of not knowing exactly what they are seeing. As they try to make sense of the shapes, the video morphs into the organic elements. The mind turns off thoughts and worries and becomes part of the immersive experience. For a moment, the imaginative space is full of possibilities, colour and movement.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Bibi Smit (1965, The Netherlands) is known for creating sculptures and installations exploring the patterns and movement of natural phenomena such as clouds, murmurations and water. Since the 1990s, she has presented her work in national and international exhibitions. *The Glassmaker* from a World of Calm Series, streaming at HBO Max, is a poetic narrative of her work and the power of nature. In 2022, Smit was commissioned to make an artwork to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the *Mauritshuis Museum* in The Hague. The short documentary *Whirl of Life* explores the creative processes behind this milestone work. She lives and works in the Netherlands.

Artwork	<i>Surge</i>
Artist	Bibi Smit
Exhibition	<i>Personal Structures</i>
Location	Venice, Italy
Venue	Palazzo Mora
Promoter	European Cultural Centre
Dates	20 April - 24 November 2024 , open every day except Tuesdays 10 – 18h. Free Entry
Openings	18 – 19 April 2024
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