

19 April 2022

Statement from the Kazakhstan Pavilion on the delayed installation at the Biennale Arte due to the war in Ukraine

The commissioner of the pavilion and the members of ORTA collective release the following statement:

Dear friends, colleagues and art community,

Due to the invasion of Ukraine, a number of works and materials needed to build the installation 'LAI-PI-CHU-PLÉE-LAPA Centre for the New Genius' did not make it to Venice in time for the Biennale Arte's vernissage week. Although the Kazakhstan Pavilion will be open during the opening week, we want to let our supporters know that it will not be the complete installation.

The war has meant that the vehicles carrying our freight had to re-route through Georgia. Understandably, there is a large queue at the Georgian border, which is why a significant amount of our cargo has been delayed.

We are hopeful that the installation will be complete by mid-May 2022. In the meantime, we have built a set for our performances – Spectacular Experiments – with locally sourced materials so that the schedule of performances will run as planned. This improvised set will form the foundation for the development of the finished project.

Sergey Kalmykov, to whom our pavilion is dedicated, would not have been defeated by these setbacks. Channeling his resourcefulness, we are continuing to work tirelessly to finish the project as quickly as possible, and to show the world the great programme of the art of the New Genius.

We are of course incredibly disappointed but compared to the greater tragedies unfolding elsewhere in the world, our own setbacks feel very minor. We are so grateful to the people on the ground in Venice who have been so helpful and generous in supplying materials. We are so excited to represent Kazakhstan at the 59th International Art Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia, and look forward to sharing our project with the world.

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Schedule of “Spectacular Experiments”:

Tuesday 19 April | 10 am and 4 pm
Wednesday 20 April | 10 am and 4 pm
Thursday 21 April | 12 pm and 5 pm
Friday 22 April | 12 pm and 5 pm
Saturday 23 April | 12 pm and 5 pm
Sunday 24 April | 12 pm and 5 pm
Tuesday 26 April | 12 pm and 5 pm
Wednesday 27 April | 12 pm and 5 pm

All our events are free, but registration is required



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Opening Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm

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