

**FONDAZIONE PRADA PRESENTS THE MUSICAL PROGRAM "I WANT TO LIKE YOU BUT I FIND IT DIFFICULT" AT ITS MILAN VENUE ON 8 JUNE AND 28 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Milan, 22 May 2018 - Fondazione Prada presents the musical program "I WANT TO LIKE YOU BUT I FIND IT DIFFICULT", curated by Craig Richards, at its Milan venue on Friday 8 June and on Friday 28 September 2018, from 7pm to midnight. Conceived as a three-part series, the project was initiated on 19 April 2018 with a special event featuring Ricardo Villalobos and Richards.

With this new program, Fondazione Prada expands its activities incorporating musical experimentations into its cultural offer, creating unexpected resonances between disciplines. "I WANT TO LIKE YOU BUT I FIND IT DIFFICULT" is an attempt to explore a wide range of genres and languages, from electronic music to Ethio-jazz, from minimal to Afrobeat, hosting international performers, such as Mulatu Astatke, E/Tape, Burnt Friedman, Nicolas Lutz, Monolake Live Surround, Joy Orbison, Craig Richards, Midori Takada and Baby Vulture.

Starting from a personal perspective, developed by acclaimed British artist Craig Richards, the constellation of acts included in the two line-ups aims to engage a plurality of audiences with Fondazione Prada's mission, proving that culture can be as entertaining and attractive as it is useful and necessary.

The program, open to contaminations and proposing unpredictable dialogues among established and emerging artists, has been conceived as a challenging cultural experience in which music is presented as a manifestation of creative freedom both for performers and the public alike.

As stated by Craig Richards, "the concept of my curation revolves around the notion that music when juxtaposed can be challenging, confrontational and even awkward. As a music collector and lover, this is an area of realization and understanding I have always been fascinated by. My role as a curator here is simply to present my musical discoveries, old and new, in an order which creates inspiration, enjoyment, intrigue and potential discomfort. It is the contrast within these choices which represent the statement itself. The fundamental aim is to recognize a common thread which runs through the music and somehow stitches it together. The idea that 'liking' music is not always easy but with perseverance the rewards are potentially great".

The DJ-sets and the live performances will take place in different locations in the external spaces of Fondazione Prada's Milan premises. The public is invited to move freely among the different set-up environments in the courtyard, experiencing new ways to confront the foundation's architectural project and thus widening its spatial potentialities.

The varied and contrasting musical talents of five artists will be presented for the second event taking place on 8 June. Ethiopian jazz musician Mulatu Astatke, the father of Ethio jazz will be accompanied by his nine-piece ensemble. Japanese percussionist Midori Takada will

perform a spellbinding solo display of minimalism. These two live performances will be complimented by two DJs renowned for operating on the outskirts of dance floor culture: Nicolas Lutz, E/Tape. On 28 September, performing artists include legendary Nigerian drummer and composer Tony Allen, a pioneer of the Afrobeat sound; Berlin-based techno artist Monolake Live Surround; German multi-instrumentalist electronic musician Burnt Friedman; and English electronic musician Joy Orbison. Both events will also feature Craig Richards as a performer.

## **PRACTICAL INFO AND TICKETING**

The events will take place at Fondazione Prada's external courtyard spaces on 8 June and 28 September 2018, from 7pm to midnight. Doors open at 6.30pm.

Tickets are available on Fondazione Prada's website or at the door (located at Largo Isarco 2, Milan) on the days of the events, from 5pm to 10.45pm.

Online tickets are 18 euros; door tickets are 25 euros.

## **LINE-UPS**

### **8 June 2018**

Mulatu Astatke  
Midori Takada  
Nicolas Lutz  
E/Tape  
Craig Richards

### **28 September 2018**

Baby Vulture  
Monolake Live Surround  
Burnt Friedman  
Joy Orbison  
Craig Richards

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