

Press release

**Olafur Eliasson**  
***Your emotional future***  
**21 May – 2 October 2011**

*Feelings are facts*  
Olafur Eliasson

PinchukArtCentre and the Victor Pinchuk Foundation have the honor to present the first solo exhibition by Olafur Eliasson in Eastern Europe. The show entitled *Your emotional future* will last from 21 May to 2 October 2011 at the PinchukArtCentre in Kyiv, Ukraine. The show is open from Tuesday through Sunday from 12am to 9pm. Admission is free.

The exhibition at the PinchukArtCentre is a milestone in the evolution of the artist's oeuvre. With a total of 16 works presented on three floors – all of which, with a few exceptions, such as *Beauty* (1993) and *Room for one colour* (1997) – are from 2010/2011 and include numerous works especially created for the PinchukArtCentre.

Located at the centre of his artistic practice is the question of our relationship to reality in all its social, urban, technological and emotional aspects. Eliasson understands his ephemeral works, which often only exist temporally and in situ, less as objects exhibited in a museum than as co-producers of space and time, situations and relationships.

With Eckhard Schneider, Director of PAC, Olafur Eliasson has developed an exhibition including both ephemeral works and more tangible works such as *Your disappearing garden* and *Your felt future*. Central are the relations between the artworks, the visitors, and the museum; the blending of fluid, emotional and rational approaches; and the relationship to the outside reality, beyond PinchukArtCentre, contained within the structure of the show.

Talking about the show, Olafur Eliasson says: "When I work on exhibitions like this one, I carefully consider what it means to walk through the museum building and how the experience of one artwork influences the experience of the next one. The building has a particular architectural language, stemming from the fact that it was once a hotel, which gives it a nice domestic scale. I have tried to create a dialog with this particular domestic feeling by focusing on how people will see their own experience reflected in the context of the show. It is about reevaluating the nature our experiences".

"The show takes you on a journey, almost like through a garden, a micro-cosmos. It presents different spatial ideas while offering an overall narrative, much like when you move through the individual chapters of a book. This narrative is very much about our environment and our explicit relationship with it."

Commenting on the title *Your emotional future*, the artist emphasizes that: "It's about realizing that we want to get on with each other even better in the future, it won't be enough to rely on

systems, dogmas, manifestos, and political ideologies. We also have to rely on other things such as sympathy, sensitivity, empathy, and the fundamental idea of human interaction.”

**Credit Dnipro Bank** – a general partner of the ‘Your emotional future’ exhibition at the PinchukArtCentre.

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**PinchukArtCentre** is the largest and most dynamic private contemporary art centre in Central and Eastern Europe. It is dedicated to fostering artistic education, creation and appreciation in Ukraine. The PinchukArtCentre is a leading international centre for contemporary 21st-century art. It provides a sustainable contribution to the cultural participation and emancipation of Ukrainian art and society. And it gives a significant contribution to the cultural dialogue between East and West, and between national identity and international challenge.

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