NEWS. SATURDAY 3/9 WHAT THE MODERN ERA HAS GAINED IN **CIVILITY IT HAS** LOST IN POETIC INSPIRATION AN EXHIBITION WITH BRAD BENISCHEK, CHRIS COGAN, JEREMIAH DAY, HOWARD FINSTER, JORIS LINDHOUT. GREELY MYATT, RICKY NEEDHAM, SANNE PEPER. PAUL THOMAS EN MICHEL VARISCO CURATED BY **JORIS LINDHOUT AND** MAAIKF GOUWFNBFRG

In the exhibition What the modern era has gained in civility it has lost in poetic inspiration artist Joris Lindhout and curator Maaike Gouwenberg deconstruct the romantic and mythical image Hollywood has created of the Southern States, which are labeled 'failed' by neo-liberalism.

Starting from Southern Gothic literature a three month long road trip led them through the sun-suffused darkness of the chubby underbelly of America, which bulges over its bible belt. In their shiny raven Ford Explorer they examined the grounds

described by writers like William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, James Dickey, Cormac McCarthy, and Harry Crews in terms of discrimination, fundamentalist Christianity, xenophobic hillbillies, cultural deserts, poverty to name but a few.

What the modern era has gained in civility it has lost in poetic inspiration shows the Southern States through the eyes of artists, musicians and documentary filmmakers from the South, or with years of fascination for the area. How does life look at the other side of the myth?

APPOINTMENTS

OPENING 3 september, 19.00 hrs

EXHIBITION From the 3rd of september till the 15th of october

EVENTS 8 september, 20.00 hrs Stranger with a Camera Documentary and introduction

22 september, 20.00 hrs Lecture performance by Jeremiah Day In collaboration with Maaike Gouwenberg and Joris Lindhout

24 september, 20.00 hrs as part of TodaysArt *The Root of Bluegrass* With live and recorded music Theo Marks and Han Orsel will draw an image of a region which gave birth to some of the most beautiful and influential music during an absolute ethical low of Western modern times

24th of September

Booklaunch

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