

Mothers Artlovers: Manifesto

On **Sept 12 2019 between 16:00 and 18:00** a happening and a presentation of the Mothers Artlovers Manifesto will take place in front of the Rudolfinum gallery entrance.

The happening, organised by the Mothers Arlovers collective, draws attention to the vulnerable position that mothers existing in the art industry often find themselves in, and to the insufficient support provided by institutions who through their lack of aid take significant part in the way female artists are ousted from professional life.

The Mothers Artlovers collective will introduce their manifesto which critically examines the fact that the contemporary art industry as well as the majority of art institutions ignores mothers and carers, thus creating an environment that excludes both parents and children. Mothers Arlovers stand against this prevailing trend and strive for change in art institutions.

The goal of the happening is to also point out that mothers-artists, mothers-curators, and mothers-theoreticians are often faced with sexist prejudice. According to these widespread notions, a mother cannot be entirely professional, while a professional cannot possibly be a good mother. This precarious approach to the role of the mother and the artist often leads to the demise of one's own artistic practice. A mother cannot dare to also be an artist.

Art institutions often take part in maintaining the situation by not taking into account the visitors, curators, and exhibiting artists who have children and, more importantly, by consistently favouring men in their listings. The Rudolfinum gallery has been chosen as an example to represent all others, since it is a state institution that nicely illustrates the aforementioned issue.

Who are we:

Mothers Artloves is a collective of visual artists, theoreticians, curators and activists - mothers, that reacts to specific experiences, issues and needs of mothers and carers who exist in the art industry. Apart from providing support and mapping art that focuses on parenthood, the group also tackles the political and institutional side of the problem. The goal of Mothers Artlovers is to create an art world that is more accommodating to the needs of parents and carers, as well as others who require it.

More information at:

<https://mothersartlovers.tumblr.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/676657332494153/>

The event will take place as part of the Festival Fotograf #9 program.