



## Press announcement

15 December 2007 – 27 January 2008, daily 12 – 18.30h  
Opening: 14 December, 19h

# Social Cooking Romania

**You are cordially invited to the press preview on Friday 14 December at 11am.**

Artistic and theoretical works broach the issue of developments in Romanian society by focussing on the subject of „food“. The conjunction of art and food or nutrition offers the possibility of analysing everyday life and the life styles as well as social and political coherences. The focus here lies on the years after the political turnaround in 1989, the fall of the „Iron Curtain“, and the developments connected to it- until January 2007 when the country accessed the EU.

The exhibition “Social Cooking Romania” shows current works of young Romanian artists that are complimented by a selection of artistic positions since the 70s and 80s. Furthermore a documentary section gives insight into past artistic projects and exhibitions on the subject.

In the accompanying **catalogue** the connection between food-art-society is explored more closely in detailed art history and sociological texts. Horea Avram gives insight into artistic positions that deal with the subject „food“ in the period from the 70s until now, whereas Irina Cios looks into current positions. In her contribution „Social Queuing“, Simina Badica reflects on the phenomenon of queuing in times of food scarcity during the 80s and Hilke Gerdes describes the current situation for agricultural production after the changes provoked by EU accession.

Exhibition Catalogue: German/Romanian, ISBN 978-3-938515-11-2

### Participating artists:

Auditorium Group, Matei Bejenaru, Raluca C. E. Blidar, Geta Brătescu, Candida TV, Ulrike Ettinger, Constantin Flondor, M.A.N. Florian, Ion Grigorescu, Iosif Király, Katharina Koch, Aurelia Mihai, Olivia Mihălțianu, Dan Mihălțianu, Nita Mocanu, Ciprian Mureșan, Vlad Nancă, Ștefan Rusu, subREAL, Joanne Richardson, Patricia Teodorescu

At the Opening (December 14<sup>th</sup>) Dan Mihălțianu will perform the *Great Distillations (Nineteen Fifty-Four)* and the artist Vlad Nancă will prepare *Holy Grill* mititei (meat sausages).

I would be happy to send you image material and to answer any questions you may have  
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