

**Josef Dabernig, *Hypercrisis*, 27th - 28th of January 2012, 4-6 pm**

Wilfried Lentz Gallery is very proud to screen the new film production of artist Josef Dabernig, '*Hypercrisis*' the Venice Short Film Nominee for the European Film Awards in 2011.

Josef Dabernig's new film *Hypercrisis*, 2011 (35mm, transferred onto HD-Video and DVD, color, 17 min) is set in a former recreation home for Soviet filmmakers in the South Caucasus which has been repurposed to accommodate writers. That does not seem to work very well either for the only guest, a talented poet from the promising times of the perestroika. While the poet tries to overcome his continuing creative crisis, there is little support from the staff of the house. The higher ranking live in the lap of luxury and appear to primarily satisfy their own desires instead of meeting the wishes of others.

Since 1996 Dabernig has made films often situated in an East European, modernistic environment. Much like his previous works, we are again confronted with a world running on idle, in waiting or inhibited. It is not by chance that in *Hypercrisis* we find numerous references to film and art: with a showdown in the cinema, an artist in crisis and finally with an unhappy audience.

His films have been shown at international venues like the Manifesta 3, Venice Biennial and the Centre Pompidou in Paris. Filmfestival participations include Locarno, Oberhausen, Rotterdam and Toronto. Solo exhibitions among others at MAK Vienna, MNAC Bucharest, BAK Utrecht and the Contemporary Art Center in Vilnius.

*Hypercrisis* has been shown earlier last year at the 68th International Film Festival in Venice, 5th Kaunas International Film Festival, 26th Mar del Plata International Film Festival and the Blickle Kino at 21er Haus, Museum Belvedere in Vienna. In 2012 at the Cineteca Nacional, Santiago de Chile in a featuring frame of vaticanochico, and at the mumok kino in Vienna.

The screening will be during the first weekend of the 41st edition of the International Film Festival Rotterdam on Friday, January 27th and Saturday, January 28th from 4 till 6 pm. For further information and visuals, please contact the gallery: [office@wilfriedlentz.com](mailto:office@wilfriedlentz.com) or +31 (0)10 4126459.