

Nina Kurtela: Inner Landscapes / Imaginary Homes

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You are cordially invited to the opening of the solo exhibition by Nina Kurtela entitled Inner Landscapes / Imaginary Home, which will take place on Wednesday, 22 June 2022, at 7 p.m. at the KiBela Art Space.

Inner Landscapes / Imaginary Homes is Nina Kurtela's first (solo) exhibition in Maribor. In the video essay *Dear Aki*, three letters addressed to Aki Kaurismäki are accompanied by scenes filmed in Dubrovnik and Helsinki. In her letters, the artist addresses the renowned Finnish director as an old acquaintance, although in reality, they are letters without a recipient. In this case, the director's name denotes a protagonist who longs for a distant and idealized *Elsewhere* and functions as a counterpoint to the artist's longing for an identity that would »offer her more opportunities.« *Dear Aki* is, therefore, like *Nina Kurtela* for the unknown Finns, only a presumed identity in which one can inscribe one's expectations with and without prejudice.

< Nina Kurtela, *Delayering*, solo exhibition at MKC Split, 2021. Photo: Gloria Lizde, MKC Split.

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