



Matej Stupica: Toplice/Topless

14 November–6 December 2025

MMC KIBLA/KiBela

You are cordially invited to the opening of **Matej Stupica's** solo exhibition *Toplice/Topless*, which will take place on **Friday, 14 November 2025, at 7 p.m. in the KiBela, space for art.**

"Geothermal springs mark the intersection of two ontological levels: the ordered surface governed by natural law and the chaotic interior ruled by the forces of chaos."

"Contemporary society's fixation on flexibility and fluid movement – evident in yoga studios, kinesiology and physiotherapy practices, and countless YouTube videos by self-proclaimed experts – reflects a desire to return to a time when the spine was far more horizontal. Thermal spas are precisely the places where geotrauma becomes therapy, where the catastrophic origins of the world seep into bathing pools and emerge as a healing force. The human body shifts from upright to reclined, the tactility of chaos concealed within soothingness." (Andrej Tomažin)

Toplice/Topless is a unique gesamtkunstwerk in which drawing, shifting from static to animated, intertwines with sound, text, video, musical instruments, and various objects that, combined with electromechanical kinetics, add a performative dimension to the work. The arrangements come to life in either controlled or chaotic dynamics and, amid the general cacophony, connect to form a unique environment into which we can immerse ourselves or simply observe from the "shore." Entering this imaginary world, where sound and image shape a complex installation, we encounter contemplative sensations that place us in a kind of a "spa" of our own – a soothing environment that imposes no diagnosis.

< *Matej Stupica: Triviera, ink on paper, variable dimensions, 2024*

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Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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