

KIBLIX2025

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Nika Oblak & Primož Novak:
And Now for Something Completely Different 18
12 December 2025–17 January 2026
MMC KIBLA/KiBela

You are cordially invited to the opening of the exhibition *And Now for Something Completely Different 18* by the artist duo **Nika Oblak & Primož Novak**, which will take place on **Friday, 12 December 2025, at 7 p.m. in the KiBela, space for art.**

Nika Oblak & Primož Novak are a rare and distinctive artistic duo who have been active since 2003, creating a highly original body of work that stands out on the global stage. Their work draws on a wide range of cultural references, including the legacy of Monty Python, from which the title of this long-running series is borrowed, now presented in its eighteenth iteration. They maintain the continuity of the “genre,” satirizing the trendiness of new and contemporary media as well as conceptual art, which often replaces the emptied artistic quality with endless chatter about what a work is supposedly meant to “say,” instead of allowing art to speak for itself. Clever verbiage seems unavoidable, as little or nothing would remain of the “work” – meant entirely conceptually – after all the highbrow posturing, which is often for the better.

Their video installations are silent: they do not speak but instead show, exhibit, and perform as testers of their own inventions, thus advertising them as well, although I doubt their actions persuade anyone to buy. Still, we laugh and wonder how they approached a particular piece and how they realized it. Without a look behind the scenes, it is hard to imagine how many plans had to be prepared and what physical constructions had to be assembled and set up for the chosen idea to be realized. Our eyes see only the materialized action, driven by banal everyday situations or traditional wisdom from which they draw their creative impulses, twisting these through literal citation into their opposite. Once laid bare before us, these actions are stripped of their historical connotations and left without meaning. They become meaningless.

Comrades and comradeses Slovenians, march on!

< *Nika Oblak & Primož Novak: Balance*

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