

On view

1. „Omar Moktar“
Für Tripolis 2009
75 x 62 x 26 cm
Entwurf für Grossskulptur 60 m
Autor: Leonid Sokhranski, Moskau/Düsseldorf
2. „Ulanendenkmal“s
Entwurf für Grossskulptur 1912/13
65 x 35 x 20 cm
Autor: Fritz Klimsch

Both sculptures open an associative space in context of commissioned art and its economical preconditions for the current production of contemporary art. Whether idealization, reality, freedom, rebellion, dependency, production, politics or passion will prevail is decided in autumn, 2012.

At heldart 8 internationally reknown artists will refer then with their works to the show *last order* and its associative space and references.

General information

Omar Mukhtar (1862 – September 16, 1931), was born in the small village of Janzour, near Tobruk in eastern Barqa (Cyrenaica) in Libya. Beginning in 1912, he organized and, for nearly twenty years, led native resistance to Italian colonization of Libya. The Italians captured and hanged him in 1931.

Today, Mukhtar's face appears on the Libyan ten-dinar bill. His final years were depicted in the movie *Lion of the Desert* (1981), starring Anthony Quinn, Oliver Reed, and Irene Papas. It was based on the struggles of Mukhtar against Rodolfo Graziani's forces.

In 2009, Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi wore a photograph of Mukhtar hanging on his chest while on a state visit to Rome, and brought along Mukhtar's elderly son during the visit.[4]

With the Libyan uprising beginning February 17, 2011, Omar Mukhtar again became a symbol for a united, free Libya and his picture is depicted on various flags and posters of the Free Libya movement. Rebel forces named one of their brigades the "Omar Mukhtar brigade" after him.[5]

Uhlans

(in Polish: "Ułan"; "Ulan" in German) were Polish light cavalry armed with lances, sabres and pistols. The title was later used by lancer regiments in the Russian, Prussian, and Austrian armies. Their lances usually had small, swallow-tailed flags (known as the lance pennon) just below the spearhead and there were used as a quick response unit or as reconnaissance patrol.

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