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New Media Performance :

" The sea. Smiles from far off. Teeth of foam. Lips of sky ", Lorca*

Montreal, March 4th, 2013 – Festival Accès Asie, in collaboration with OBORO, is pleased to present the touching New Media Performance of Iranian artists **Ila Firouzabadi** and **Payam Mofidi** entitled : *" The sea. Smiles from far off. Teeth of foam. Lips of sky "*, Lorca, which will be held Friday, May 10th, at 7:00 pm, at OBORO (<http://www.oboro.net/fr>).

This magnificent performance is a New Media project about the war. Archival footage from different wars of many countries are used, as well as videos of faces of imaginary characters who lived through the war and explain their stories. These videos, projected from the ceiling down, inviting the viewer to find them with his hands or with a piece of paper to make them visible, or with the help of a small mirror to project them on the wall. All these acts are symbolic ones to demonstrate the important role of people to help, to make visible, to distribute the misery and bitterness caused by an imposed war. The two artists have decided to make projections on the hands of the audience to say that these wars are very present in our daily lives, and many more that you can imagine. These images projected into the hands make this more palpable reality of war for spectators who have never experienced it.



Picture by Ila-Payam

Ila Firouzabadi and **Payam Mofidi** are two Iranian artists with similar pasts. They come from the same city, and lived through the war. Both were born just after the revolution that overthrew the Shah of Iran. All these events have marked their lives and their artistic expressions. They studied fine arts in Tehran, and left the country to pursue their studies in France. All the adversities they have had since childhood, and contrasts with their current lives in the West, led to work on the

*From a poem by Federico Garcia Lorca



theme of war in order to make people think about what they have never experienced, to raise awareness to act against any war. **Ila** and **Payam** are also keen to show people the other side of the wall built between these borders and different cultures, to communicate that we can probably find a better way to solve problems that affect the lives of civilians.

Picture by Ila-Payam

Festival Accès Asie invites you to the discovery of the sensitive work of **Ila Firouzabadi** and **Payam Mofidi**. A work of art that will leave you certainly not indifferent !



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Date : Friday, May 10th, 2013 **Hour** : 7:00 pm **Admission** : \$10
Venue : **OBORO**, 4001, Berri street, #200 (Sherbrooke or Mont-Royal Metro)

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