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Now Art LA is pleased to be partnering with LinkTV, a national independent public satellite television network to host a screening and panel discussion on Monday April 16th of the Emmy-nominated documentary series *Resilient Cities – Kiev: Art as Protest*. The free screening will take place at the RVCC Intersect at 2406 East 8th Street, in the DTLA Arts District from 7-9 PM. The multi-episode series addresses global connection through art and activism by exploring the underground art and culture scene in cities that have experienced major traumas including natural disasters, long-term war, political unrest or economic meltdown. Following the screening of this episode, Public Art Curator Carmen Zella of Now Art LA will moderate a live interactive panel discussion with featured artists Iryna Shuvalova, Maria Kulikovska, Amitis Metevalli, and Kate DeCiccio.

This series documents the creative underbellies of cities that are not normal tourist destinations, or known for their cultural institutions, beaches, or fine dining. Rather, these are ravaged cities featuring an injured populace, but desperate to show how thoughtful and innovative art can be born from the world's most wounded places. In each episode three or four determined local artists are followed who demonstrate their commitment to making art that elicits change, displays courage, and protests their city's political and societal status quo.

In this featured episode we spotlight Kiev, a city on the divide between Russia and Europe, with a war raging just hours away, still struggling with government corruption and human rights violations in the wake of the Euromaidan Revolution that began in 2014. The Kiev government disregards its citizens and responds to demonstrators with violent measures. Now Kiev is becoming a city where art stands as a form of protest in the face of war and corruption, with artists and activists spearheading the fight to re-claim Ukrainian cultural identity.

In Kiev, we follow a Canadian journalist and three artists (all women) with powerful messages to tell. Iryna Shuvalova is a Fulbright scholar and award-winning poet who explores the language and rhythms of traditional Ukrainian folk songs to help her fellow citizens deal with the pain and trauma they have experienced. She is joined by a rock musician who creates a satirical animation series, and artist-activist Maria Kulikovskaya, well-known in the Kiev art scene for her controversial and provocative performance art. Each artist is determined to create a new narrative for their city, by engaging their audience, pushing creative boundaries, and seeking to spotlight injustice through creatively formulated performances, installations and art activations.

As a public art agency, **Now Art LA** is a huge supporter of public television and the content of this series dedicated to *Art and Activism* as a global direction. We feel it is our responsibility as well as our vision to create and support work that address issues within our urban settings and communities, so that art can be a bridge to help express these voices of concern. Los Angeles is a diverse city with many cultural nuances - our artists are bold, political, and globally attuned. We are looking forward to hosting the dialogue between the artists from Kiev and local artists working in Art and Activism to create ongoing conversation addressing the similarities and

differences across political, geographical, and socio-economic lines, where art can often be the positive change that everyone can appreciate.

ABOUT LINK TV

Founded in 1999, Link TV is an independent viewer-supported media organization providing programs that engage viewers with unique perspectives on national and global issues. Reaching more than 34 million U.S. satellite households nationally via DIRECTV channel 375 and DISH Network channel 9410, Link TV connects Americans with people at the heart of breaking events, organizations at the forefront of social change and the vibrant cultures of a global community. It is a free non-commercial service of KCET Link Media Group, based in Burbank, CA. For additional information about Link TV productions, web-exclusive content and program schedules, please visit linktv.org. Select programming from Link TV is also available for streaming on Apple TV and Roku platforms.

ABOUT NOW ART LA

NOW Art LA is an award-winning arts organization that facilitates large scale public art projects in Los Angeles and around the world. The agency is comprised of local women curators, producers and artists united in their aim to enrich public space through the development and production of culturally attuned, diverse and aesthetically stimulating art projects that transform the social, physical and artistic landscape of Los Angeles. NOW Art is a public arts organization that facilitates creative exchanges, cultural production, and collaborations with urban influencers and artists. NOW Art LA is focused on the creation, and curation of site specific artworks that revitalize both physical and social landscapes and engage the public's imagination.



For more information please visit our website <http://nowartla.org/resilientcities/>

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