

PRESS RELEASE

## IC-98 Arkhipelagos

4 April – 7 June 2014 (closed 18+19 April and 7-10 May)  
Wednesday – Saturday, 11am-5pm

### **SLAM Friday 25 April from 6pm: Curators' Conversation**

Finnish-duo IC-98 return to Beaconsfield on a grand scale with a two-part work in their signature medium – pencil-drawn animation.

**Arkhipelagos** depicts a world where all geographical reference points have been erased and navigation is subservient to time and weather.

*Arkhipelagos (Ebb)*, 2013, serves as a single screen epilogue to the three channel video installation *Arkhipelagos (Navigating the Tides of Time)*, 2013.

This is IC-98's second exhibition at Beaconsfield following their UK debut UK in 2012. Visitors to Beaconsfield's Arch space were enthralled by the highly detailed pencil-drawn animation, *A View from the Other Side*, which focused on the slow passage of time in relation to an architectural representation of human endeavour. *Arkhipelagos* builds on the themes of erasure in this work, imagining the end of the Anthropocene period not only as representing closure but a new beginning, incorporating the hope that, in spite of everything, nature will one day prevail.

Established in 1998 and based in Turku, Finland, the group's original name was Iconoclast, an allusion to the destruction of images and an antagonism towards prevailing values. The group's members are Visa Suonpää (b. 1968) and Patrik Söderlund (b. 1974), who, through their approach to the virtual, articulate a language of becoming. [www.socialtoolbox.com](http://www.socialtoolbox.com)

*Arkhipelagos* is animated by Markus Lepistö.  
IC-98 will represent Finland in the Venice Biennale 2015.

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Beaconsfield and Space Station Sixty Five co-organise a special event linking concurrent exhibitions by Finnish artists

**6pm:** starting at Space Station Sixty-Five with *Northern Souls*, the curators of Beaconsfield will join the curators of Space Station Sixty-Five and guest curators of *Northern Souls* in an informal walkabout. At **7pm:** the group will be led on a short walk by performance artist Heidi Kilpeläinen to view *Arkhipelagos* at Beaconsfield and continue discussion about the Finnish art scene over a drink.

**Free.** All welcome to join the conversation. This event forms part of SLAM Fridays – the late night opening of galleries in South London.

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