

ERZEN SHKOLOLLI

*1976, Yugoslavia. Lives and works in Prishtina (Kosovo).



Hey You..., 2002

Video installation, /F, Ton, 4'31" / c, sound, 4'31"

Courtesy of the artist and Gandy gallery

The video piece *Hey You...* documents a musical performance of legendary Albanian singer, Shkurte Fejza. Her songs were banned between 1981 and 1983 by the former Communist regime. In 1986 she was imprisoned for her political activity.

Through his work, Erzen Shkololli strives to re-enact traditional ceremonies and utilize local rituals and folklore to draw attention to socio-political situations, while insinuating contemporary symbols and disillusion. Shkololli is also well known as an active mediator and organizer of the inter- and intra-cultural dialogue between Kosovo and the international art world, as well as within Kosovo itself. Since 2003 he has been a member of the European Cultural Parliament. Shkololli's work has appeared in exhibitions at significant European museums such as the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam, Centre Pompidou, Paris, Tate Modern in London and MUMOK, Vienna. From 2011 until 2015 he was director of the National Gallery of Kosovo and in 2013 Shkololli was commissioner of the first representation of the Republic of Kosovo at the 55th edition of the Venice Biennale.