

PRESS RELEASE



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DinnerFor1/ DinnerFor1.com

The Goethe-Institut London, the British Council Germany and the transmediale 05 are launching a new video project by Sigune Hamann.

DinnerFor1 is conceived as an online project and as a video installation. **DinnerFor1.com** is online from **New Year's Eve 2004**. The Goethe-Institut London will present **DinnerFor1** in a special cinema screening that will be introduced by Sean Rainbird, Curator, Tate Gallery **on the 7th of February at 7pm.**

DinnerFor1 is a woman talking to you. She (actor Hayley Carmichael) establishes a one to one relationship with you the viewer in 4 video pieces changing her role and consequently yours in each narrative. **DinnerFor1** explores situations of personal awareness of isolation, loneliness and time passing, set against public expectations of social behaviour and conflicts of individuals in the public arena. Sigune Hamann examines national identities and stereotypes: exploring images of British life and culture accessible in Germany, the narrative focuses on the themes of wit, war and royalty using literary play, interview and enquiry.

DinnerFor1 is inspired by a cult German television production in English Language from 1963 based on an English vaudeville sketch from the 1920s. *Dinner for One*, the most repeated programme on German television, has become part of the ritual of every New Years Eve in several European countries. The attraction to repetition within and of the programme itself can be interpreted as a yearning for a predictable and traditional world - „the same procedure as every year“ – the line comes up several times – enhanced by the enjoyment of perceived English humour with its gentle mocking of the upper class at home.

Before (from 6.30pm) and after the screening the original TV production *Dinner for One* will be shown in the Goethe-Institut foyer.

DinnerFor1 will be launched at the British Council Berlin on 4 February at 6pm with a video installation as part of the transmediale 05 in Berlin (5.-12.2.)

DinnerFor1 is supported by the University of Arts London, Camberwell College of Art, and the ITRDU. For more information see www.transmediale.de, www.britishcouncil.de, www.camberwell.arts.ac.uk, www.arts.ac.uk/itrdu/

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All prepaid tickets
must be collected until
15 minutes before
the start of the event.

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