

GIL & MOTI

We are duo interdisciplinary artists who live and work together since 1994. Our work moves freely from life to the visual arts and to performance. The decision to live life as a performance and art as a way of living creates a tension, which motivates our work. This concept of living a staged life publicly dictates our daily life and results in a manipulative exhibited biography; in performance, video, installation, painting, writing, etc.

In order to construct a new identity we moved out of Israel to live and work in Holland, in 1998. A year later we publicised our life by choosing to make our home in a gallery space (Gil & Moti Homegallery Rotterdam). The motivation derived from the need to be close to the audience and also out of interest in the limits of privacy and its social political contexts. Since then we have travelled and made our home in several exhibition spaces in different cities around the world.

In 2001 we made a public performance of our wedding ceremony, conducted by the mayor of Rotterdam, Mr. Ivo Opstelten, which continued with a public honeymoon, exhibition and performance in the foyer of Rotterdam city hall (*The Gil & Moti Wedding Project*). With this installation and performance we used a highly theatrical and hyperbolic gesture to emphasise the imprint that the authorities give to loved ones with the civil marriage registration. The work comments upon neo-family-values and questions the normalising borders marking bourgeoisie high culture, by introducing a gay perspective as a refreshing alternative.

A year after our public wedding project we have decided to fall in love with an Arab guy as a contemporary form of political marriage. The idea originates in the common belief that love can overcome all obstacles and bridges between the hostile people. It is long term project, which generates major changes in our family life.

*In the exhibition Love grows free Gil & Moti will present watercolours, paintings but also digital prints, videos, sculptures, embroidered clothes. All these objects are proofs of their love story with this man. During the opening, they will show a performance : **No Matter Featurig Actor** : M. Hirzalla.*

Love grows free

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