

FAMILY DINNER ed#1

Shu Lea Cheang + Joachim Montessuis + the fucked up family members
La Station - Gare des Mines
19h – 23h, October 14, 2021

Family dinner as you know it.
Traditionally a gathering of family members with prepared dishes.

Depart from our birth family, the urbanites conjugate to plot a family dinner as we don't know it. Make kin, make family. Who's coming for dinner? What is cooking?

FAMILY DINNER, a new initiative conceived for La Station by Shu Lea Cheang + Joachim Montessuis, brings food + chansons + nuisance + noise at the foreground of a speculative alter-family construct. As the "family members" gather together around a long table with composed, edible dishes, the *chansons* + *nuisance* + *noise* are introduced to bring the FAMILY DINNER towards a mutating process, revealing the discreet charm of the family.

As we turn the evening into "open mic" scored by invited noise sound artists, we invite the "family members" to participate in a "free for all" rendering of song + dance + noise. The evening progresses with the food table thrown into disarray, the surrounding aural 4D space dissipated into manic signal of noises with processed and distorted vocal input going out of tune, out of this world. Upon exiting La Station late evening, we greet each others as adopted members of a "dysfunctional" family, resurrected and ready for the New Old World.

Food + chansons + noise by Shu Lea Cheang + Joachim Montessuis + invites
possibly Andy Bolus, Eric Daviron, MU, Martin Howse, Unglee Izi / Felix Rosier,
Marion Camy Palou, Vincent Epplay, Danos, Vomir, Gaël Segalen, P-Node, and you and you...

Tech specs-

- (1) kitchen facility – hot plates and eating tools (paper bowls+forks)
- (2) Long table – approximately 4m (L) x 1.5m (W), benches, chairs
- (3) Sound system with speakers + mikes around the space.
- (4) A large plasma screen or projection for display of chanson lyrics. (karaoke style)

Entry fee: 15 € (consider yourself a family member)
Special entry: 12 € (bring your current and your ex)

Proposed song titles:

- Song#1 - fait maison
- Song#2 - riz, rise
- Song#3 - poisson puissant