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**Irina Botea at The Herzliya Museum of Contemporary Art**

**26 September – 26 December 2015**

***The Romanian Cultural Institute in Tel Aviv*** proudly supports the artist Irina Botea participating in the exhibition „Preaching to the Choir”, at The Herzliya Museum of Contemporary Art between the 26th of September and the 26th of December 2015.

The exhibition “Preaching to the Choir”, explores choirs as a political voice, via videos, films, performances, workshops and events. The choirs in these works represent the conflicts and power positions within various communities, while the artists also explore their own role within them- onlookers, participants, or disruptive strangers. A kind of performative demonstrations that echo the vast global protest movement of recent years', the choirs attempt to find the common, without giving up the differences.

Participating artists: Chto Delat, Effi& Amir, Zeljka Blaksic, Irina Botea, Omer Krieger and Nir Evron, Luigi Coppola, Tali Keren, Ayelet Lerman, Ohad Fishof, Noam Enbar

Curator: Maayan Sheleff

Irina Botea is one of the leading contemporary artists in Romania. “In her videos, Botea very often refers to modes of re-enactment and role-play; but her main target is not to create a fiction that is taken for reality. Her interest lies in the reality of the performance and the authentic individuality of the performers.” (Oliver Kielmayer). Within this exhibition, she will present her video work „Before a National Antem” (details: <http://www.irinabotea.com/pages/before_a_national_anthem.html>, video, 78 min.). She will be present in the exhibition in late November. More details will be published soon.

The Herzliya Museum of Contemporary Art is a leading institution of contemporary art in Israel and its reputation spreads well beyond Israel’s national borders. The exhibitions and artistic events which have taken place at The Herzliya Museum of Contemporary Art throughout the years have attracted massive amounts of visitors, raised public debates concerning important topics and have proven time and again the importance of the museum through its contribution to the local and international artistic scene. More information, including public hours, address and public transport: <http://www.herzliyamuseum.co.il>.

The page of the event: [www.icr.ro/preachingtothechoir\_en](http://www.icr.ro/preachingtothechoir_en).