

# BLANCPAIN

## ART CONTEMPORAIN

### HISTORIANS OF THE PRESENT 3

### THE PRESIDENTS: REMIX CURATED BY URIEL ORLOW

VERNISSAGE JEUDI 3 JUIN 2010 DE 14H00 À 18H00  
PROJECTIONS 3-4-5 JUIN 2010 DE 14H30 À 18H30

AHMED EL SHAER: «Don't resign» (2008), 3' 12"  
KHALED HAFEZ: «Visions of a Contaminated Memory» (2007), 5' 40"  
Wael SHAWKY: «Telematch Sadat» (2007), 10' 30"  
RAED YASSIN: «The New Film» (2008), 12'

*The Presidents: Remix* is a programme of video screenings curated by the artist Uriel Orlow following his Pro-Helvetia residency in Cairo and bringing together recent works by Middle Eastern artists shown for the first time in Switzerland. The videos in *The Presidents: Remix* salvage or restage archival images of the three long term Egyptian presidents Nasser, Sadat and Mubarak and critically explore the relationship between memory, event, authority and representation.

*The Presidents: Remix* is the third programme in the series *Historians of the Present* (2008-2010).

Ahmed El Shaer's *Don't resign* juxtaposes footage of Nasser's resignation speech in 1967 with Sufi dancing, while Khaled Hafez' *Visions of a Contaminated Memory* listens to the merged echoes of personal and political memories. In *Telematch Sadat* Wael Shawky restages Sadat's assassination and funeral procession with children and in *The New Film* Raed Yassin brings together clips from Egyptian films that show President Mubarak's portrait hanging on the wall, while in the scenes bosses shout at their employees.



*The Presidents: Remix* est un programme de projections vidéos organisé par l'artiste Uriel Orlow, à la suite de sa résidence Pro-Helvetia au Caire. *The Presidents: Remix* réunit des œuvres récentes d'artistes du Moyen-Orient montrées pour la première fois en Suisse. Ces vidéos de Ahmed El Shaer, Khaled Hafez, Wael Shawky et Raed Yassin remettent en scène des images d'archive des trois présidents égyptiens: Nasser, Sadat et Mubarak et explorent de manière critique le lien entre mémoire, événement, autorité et représentation.

*The Presidents: Remix* est le 3<sup>e</sup> programme de la série *Historians of the Present* (2008-2010).