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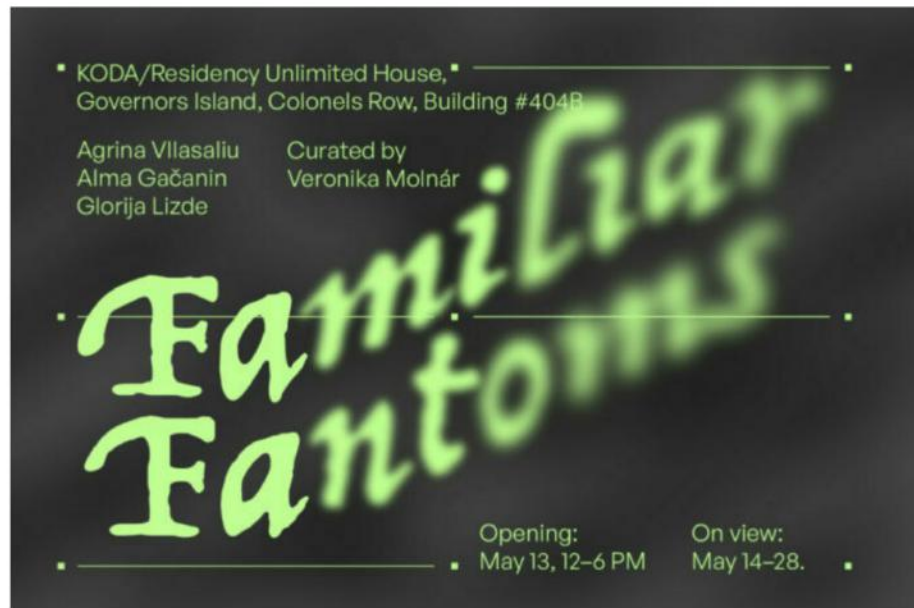
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## FAMILIAR FANTOMS

Residency Unlimited, Colonels Row

Weekly on Saturday, Friday and Sunday, starting from May 13, 2023, until May 29, 2023

**Participating artists:** Agrina Vllasaliu, Alma Gačanin & Glorija Lizde. **Curated by** Veronika Molnár.

**Live performance & reading on May 20, 1:00pm**

Growing up in the aftermath of the Yugoslav Wars, [Young Visual Artists Awards \(YVAA\)](#) artists [Agrina Vllasaliu](#), [Alma Gačanin](#), and [Glorija Lizde](#) explore how collective, intergenerational, and personal memories of war have shaped their identities and family histories. The exhibition title references [Slavenka Drakulic's](#) essay, *My Father's Pistol* (1991), in which a *familiar phantom*, a long-forgotten ghost of war, resurfaces when she first holds her father's Beretta. In the works on view, all kinds of ghosts haunt the viewer: the land that keeps score of the battles that scarred its surface, the home abandoned before it could ever be inhabited, and the raincoat carrying the weight of history.

Notions of belonging, migration, and nationhood are brought together in poetic meditations via photography, video, installation, and text. Presented in the United States for the first time on Governors Island, a former military base, the site-specific iterations by Vllasaliu, Gačanin, and Lizde create a dialogue with the built environment where the specters of history are ever present. With a war currently waging in Europe, the fabric of another society is torn, and all-too-familiar ghosts of the past return to pose the same questions again.

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