



# Bigger Than Myself

## Heroic voices from Ex-Yugoslavia

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- An extraordinary gathering of the most important contemporary artists from the ex-Yugoslavia whose work addresses the complex politics of the region

This catalogue for an exhibition at MAXXI Museum in Rome brings together 50 contemporary artists from ex-Yugoslavia whose work explores the history of the region through the action of contemporary heroes, and reflects on issues of acceptance and peaceful coexistence. In thematic sections (Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, Hope, Risk, the Individual, Otherness, Metamorphosis), the show asks if the legacy of Socialism can help to recover the concept of “common good” in a complex region which has recently endured the tragedy of a civil war and the rise of Nationalism.

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