

MÁRCIO VILELA

CHROMATIC STUDY FOR THE COLOR BLUE

Opening Sept 14, 7 pm

Exhibition Sept 15 - Oct 13 | Monday - Friday, 12 pm - 7 pm

Espace-Camões da Universidade de Coimbra / Praça Luís de Camões, 22, 4º andar, Lisboa

Graça! announces the exhibition *Estudo Cromático para o Azul* (Chromatic Study for the Color Blue) at Universidade de Coimbra - Espaço-Camões. The show is the result of a five-year research on the different blue tones of the sky.

This hybrid project, combining scientific investigation with visual experimentation, departs from a study on the varying shades of the color of the sky when observed from heights completed between zero and 30,000 meters above sea level. As atmosphere becomes rarified with increasing altitude, the visible spectra of light changes and blue gets progressively darker.

Using a meteorological balloon, the artist captured photographs and videos up to 30,000 meters high. The images from this aerial trajectory were later analyzed and edited by the artist. The final result, mixing photography and moving image, can be seen until October 13, at Praça Luís de Camões, 22, 4th floor.

MÁRCIO VILELA (Lisboa, 1976) lives and works in Lisbon. In 2010 he graduated from the European Master of Fine Art Photography of ECI (Istituto Europeo di Design Madrid) as a scholarship recipient. He has made artistic residencies in Acorse (Povo do Varado, 2011) and Recife, Brazil (Museu de Arte Moderna Sérgio Magalhães, 2016). In 2012, the project *Mare* was shown at *Coisa Certa - Arte e Fotografia* after a two-year residency at the contemporary art institution in Lisbon. He was shortlisted for the art prize *Descobrimos-te Fotografia 2009* and *Artisquare 2008*.