

## PRESS RELEASE

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**VOLTA6 – Basel's acclaimed setting for cutting-edge art opens in two weeks with a unique selection of 81 international galleries and works from more than 200 artists from all over the world**

Exhibition period: Wednesday, 16th June – Sunday, 20th June, 2010

Preview (VIP/ Professionals/ Press): Wednesday, 16th June, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Highlights of the opening day:

Performance by Danish artist Augusta Atla: 12.30 p.m. /3.00 p.m., SPECTA, Booth (C10)

Katrin Korfmann - Book launch: 2.00 p.m., Zaum Projects, Booth (C17)

Live Video Streaming Performance CELESTIAL HOPSCOTCH by Franck Ancel:

4.00 p.m., 5.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m., OUTSIDE DREISPITZHALLE

Between 16th June and 20th June **VOLTA6** will be opening its doors at the new venue, the **Dreispietzhalle**, gathering a unique selection of 81 international galleries. This year's fair, now in its sixth edition, will present more than 200 emerging artist from all over the world. This newly-renovated Dreispitzhalle is the centerpiece of Basel's latest hot spot, the Dreispitz Areal, a former warehouse district and now an artistically-vibrant neighborhood best known for the **Schaulager**. The new location allows for 79 traditional booths, as well as space for other projects, and promises once again a boutique event of the kind that built VOLTA's name and reputation.

The esteemed Curatorial Board – composed of **Adam Budak** (Kunsthaus Graz), **Jacopo Crivelli Visconti** (independent curator, São Paolo), **Christoph Doswald** (independent curator, Zurich), **Jasper Sharp** (independent curator, Vienna), **Stephanie Smith** (Smart Museum, Chicago), screened over 350 applications to create a selection of 81 tightly-focused, fresh and neoteric positions, including 50 galleries from all over Europe and the U.S., as well as an increased number from South America, Asia and Canada.

Director **Amanda Coulson** is more than happy with this year's VOLTA6: "With over 350 applications, demand is still high this year. From these we worked intensely to continue with our mandate to put together a strong, curatorially-relevant presentation of emerging and more established contemporary artists. I am particularly pleased that this year we were able to include artists and galleries from other art hubs outside the usual circuit, some of whom are also in the new VOLTA SOLO section and giving a stronger presence there."

Indeed, following the recurring success of VOLTA NY's single artist format, this year's VOLTA6 introduces the **VOLTA SOLO** section, in which 13 project booths are allocated to a single project, including Dresden-based artist **Hannes Broecker**; **Akihiro Higuchi**, Tokyo; **Herwig Weiser**, Vienna/Cologne; Paris-based artist **Raphaël Zarka**; 2008 Whitney Biennial participant **Ellen Harvey**, New York; Toronto duo **Jennifer Marman & Daniel Borins**; **Tadej Pogacar** from Ljubljana; Hungarian artist **Gyula Várnai** from the city of Dunaújváros; Chicago-based **Justin Cooper**; **Hervé Paraponaris**, Marseille; Vancouver-based interdisciplinary artist **Holly Ward**; Katrin Korfmann, Berlin; and finally, São Paulo-based artist **João Loureiro**.

Complementing the fair are two new initiatives **VOLTA LIGHTBOX** and **VOLTA UNCOVERED**. **LIGHTBOX** takes place on the lower level of the Lounge area and focuses on lightworks, including sculptures, videos and light murals by 12 international artists including: **Peter Alexander**, **Ron Cooper**, **Laddie John Dill**, presented by NYEHAUS, New York; **Laura Buckley** and **Jakob Mattner**, presented by 401 Contemporary, Berlin; **Christina Benz** and **Ghost of a Dream**, presented by The Cynthia Corbett Gallery, London; **Gerry Fox**; presented by Eleven Gallery, London; **Fernando Gutiérrez** and **Alica Jiménez**, presented by Espacio Líquido, Gijón; **Katja Loher** presented by VERNON, Prague and **Adriaan Verwée**, presented by TATJANA PIETERS, Ghent.

**UNCOVERED**, meanwhile, makes the most of the outdoor spaces with sculptural and painted works, as well as interventions, on the exterior of the Dreispitzhalle. Los Angeles-based arts organisation L.A. Art Machine and Rivera&Rivera presents four legendary street artists—**Mear One**, **Kofie**, **Retna** and **El Mac**—at work in real time; Czech sculptor **Kristof Kintera** shows his latest large scale sculpture *Paradise Now*, while Brazilian artist **Marlon de Azambuja**, who often uses tape or wrappings, will intervene on the hall's exterior and the surrounding area that will literally uncover new forms underneath the everyday reality of the industrial area. A further highlight will be the unique live painting appearance with the prolific Urban and Street Artists from Berlin **Nomad**, **XOOOOX**, **Katrin Fridriks**, **Anton Unai**, **Jaybo Monk**, presented by CIRCLECULTURE Gallery, Berlin; they will start a large-scale graffiti work on-site that will stay permanently. Furthermore, Bloodshed Event presents *Sensitivity Training*, the third in a series of interactive situations by **Tara Strickstein**.

#### Artists (A-Z):

Adam Saks | Adriaan van der Ploeg | Akihiro Higuchi | Alec Soth | Alex Bellan | Alexander Tinei | Alicia Jimenez | Almagul Menlibayeva | Alterazioni Video | Amir Fattal | Andrei Roiter | Angel Otero | Angelika Sher | Anna Bjergger | Anne Wenzel | Anthony Goicolea | Antti Laitinen | Aoyama Satoru | Arik Levy | Arthur Zalewski | Artists Anonymous | Athi Patra Ruga | Augusta Atla | Begoña Morales | Bianco Valente | Bo Christian Larsson | Caio Reisewitz | Carina Linge | Carla Arocha & Stéphane Schraenen | Carlos Aires | Cedric Christie | Charif Benhelima | Chloe Piene | Chris Larson | Christian Eisenberger | Christina Benz | Christoph Draeger | Claudia Hart | Cléa Coudsi and Eric Herbin | Curtis Mann | Dan Halter | Daniel Naudé | David Batchelor | David Cotterrell | DEMOCRACIA | Dex Fernandez | Dexter Dalwood | Dieter Lutsch | Dirk Vander Eecken | Dmitry Kawarga | Ellen Harvey | Éva Magyarósi | Fergus Feehily | Fernando Gutierrez | Florian Heinke | FOD | Frances Young | Francesco Fonassi | Fredrik Raddum | Fredrik Söderberg | Gerry Fox | Ghost of a Dream | Glenn Marshall | Graham Dolphin | Gregori Maiofis | Guillermo Mora | Gyula Várnai | Hannes Broecker | Harding Meyer | Heather und Ivan Morison | Heide Hinrichs | Hervé Paraponaris | Herwig Weiser | Hildebrando de Castro | Hisae Ikenaga | Holly Ward | Holmer Feldmann | Igor Eškinja | Igor Grubic | Ioana Nemes | Irene Kopelman | Irina Polin | Jakob Mattner | Jan Freuchen | Janet Werner | Jasmina Cibic | Jasper Krabbé | Javier Gutiérrez | Jennifer Marman & Daniel Borins | Jill Baroff | Jill Sylvia | Jina Park | João Loureiro | Jochen Plogsties | Johan De Wilde | John Copeland | John Isaacs | Jorge Diezma | Jorge Perianes | Jorinde Voigt | Jose Dávila | Jota Castro | Juan Fontanive | Julia Kissina | Julia Krahn | Julia Rosa Clark | Justin Cooper | Karin Hueber | Karin Kihlberg and Reuben Henry | Katja Loher | Katrin Korfmann | Ken Solomon | Krüger & Pardeller | Laura Buckley | Lee Jung | Lello//Arnell | Leonid Tishkov | Levi van Veluw | Liat Yossifor | Libia Castro & Ólafur Olafsson | Lisa Strömbeck | Lu

Jiawei | Lucia Laguna | Luiz Braga | Manuel Caeiro | Manuel Ocampo | Marcelo Silveira | Marco Maggi | Marcos Chaves | Maria-Carmen Perlingeiro | Mark O'Kelly | Mark Salvatus | Martin Brown | Martin Wohrl | Matthew Stone | Maurizio Anzeri | Mehran Elminia | Melanie Schiff | Menno Aden | Michael MacGarry | Miwa Yanagi | Miyanaga Aiko | Mori Junichi | Nadin Maria Rüfenacht | Natalia Stachon | Nelo Vinuesa | Nessie Stonebridge | Nick Ervinck | Nicky Coutts | Nicolas Buffe | Olaf Brzeski | Olaf Quantius | Olav Westphalen | Olivier Mosset | Omar Chacon | Oskar Schmidt | Paul Chiappe | Paul Nugent | Paulo Bruscky | Persijn Broersen & Margit Lukács | Peter Funch | Pow Martinez | Quirarte+Ornelas | Rafael Lozano-Hemmer | Ramon Mateos | Raphaël Zarka | Regina de Miguel | Ricardo Rendon | Richard Stipl | Robert Barta | Robert Langenegger | Sam Kiyoumars | Sandra Gamarra | Saso Sedlacek | Sergio Vega | Shang Yixin | Sislej XHafa | Slawek Rumiak | Stefana McClure | Stian Ådlandsvik | Stuart Pearson Wright | Su Chang | Susanne Rottenbacher | Szabolcs Veres | Szymon Roginski | Søren Martinsen | Tadej Pogacar | Takaaki Izumi | Tatsuo Majima | Terry Haggerty | Tilo Baumgärtel | Tilo Schulz | Tina Gillen | Tova Mozard | Ulrich Vogl | Valérie Blass | Valerie Favre | Vedovamazzei | Veronika Holcova | Wim Botha | Wolfram Sachs | Xavier Arenós | Yael Kanarek | and further artists

**LIGHTBOX:** Laura Buckley und Jakob Mattner, 401c, Berlin | Christina Benz und Ghost of a Dream, Cynthia Corbett, London | Gerry Fox, Eleven, London | Fernando Gutiérrez and Alica Jiménez, Espacio Líquido, Gijón | Peter Alexander, Ron Cooper, Laddie John Dill, NYEHAUS, New York | Katja Loher, VERNON, Prague | Adriaan Verwée, TATJANA PIETERS, Ghent

**UNCOVERED:** Marlon de Azambuja, Furini, Rom | Kristof Kintera, Jiri Svestka, Peague | „Vox Humana“ mit Mear One, Kofie, Retna, El Mac, L.A. Art Machine und Rivera&Rivera, Los Angeles | Nomad, XOOOOX, Katrin Fridriks, Anton Unai, Jaybo Monk, CIRCLECULTURE Gallery, Berlin | Tara Strickstein, Bloodshed Event

The full **exhibitor list** can be downloaded at:

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## Essential Information

**Director:** Amanda Coulson (Frankfurt)

**Curatorial Board 2010:** Adam Budak, Curator of Kunsthaus Graz and co-curator of Manifesta 7; Jacopo Crivelli Visconti, Critic & Curator, São Paulo, Christoph Doswald, Art Critic and Curator, Zurich; Jasper Sharp, Curator and Writer, Vienna; and Stephanie Smith, Curator at Smart Museum of Art, Chicago

**Founding year:** 2005

**Founders:** Kavi Gupta (Chicago), Ulrich Voges (Frankfurt), Friedrich Loock (Berlin).

## Dates und Prices

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(Access with VOLTA VIP-Card, Art Basel VIP-cards or Press credentials)

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**Public Hours Daily (Thu - Sun):** 12 noon – 8 p.m.

**Location:** Dreispitzhalle, Dreispitz Area/ Gate 13, Helsingstrasse 5,  
4142 Münchenstein/Basel; [www.dreispitzhalle.ch](http://www.dreispitzhalle.ch)

**Admission:** CHF 17 (incl. Tax; 15,80 / 1,20)/ 12 EUR (incl. Tax; 11,15 / 0,85);  
Reduced CHF 14 (incl. Tax; 13,01 / 0,99)/ 10 EUR (incl. Tax; 9,79 / 0,21)

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