

VOLTA8 Basel JUNE 11-16, 2012

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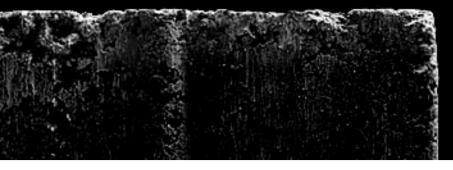
Basel (April 23, 2012). VOLTA, Basel's platform for cutting-edge art and emerging international talent, mounts its eighth year this June with the wind at its back. Buzz for the fifth iteration of VOLTA NY, the stateside invitational solo-artist fair, coupled with positive reactions from VOLTA7 last year, culminates in a creatively curated showcase of mainly solo and two-or-three artist dialogues spanning 81 exhibitors, with 68 returning from previous years.

The VOLTA8 Curatorial Board – Amanda Coulson (Artistic Director of VOLTA and Director of The National Art Gallery of The Bahamas); Christoph Doswald (Chairman of the Working Committee for art in public places in Zurich); Ulrich Voges (Art historian and economist and co-founder of VOLTA); and David Risley (Director of David Risley Gallery, Copenhagen, and founder of Zoo Art Fair, London) – assembled 81 tightly-edited, inspired positions, including 64 galleries from Europe and 12 from the Americas, plus exhibitors from Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Australia.

Solo artist presentations continue to be one of VOLTA's assets, considering the overwhelming satisfaction for last year's more easily navigable fair. Select highlights at VOLTA8 include: Alexandra Makhlouf (showing with Fred [London] Ltd), the talented young printmaker and 2010 artist-in-residence at David Krut Print Workshop (DKW) in Johannesburg, South Africa; Adam Jeppesen (represented by Peter Lav Gallery, Copenhagen), whose large-format photography was assembled in the 2008 Steidl monograph Wake; painter Nick Fox (with Vane, Newcastle upon Tyne), featured in the recent *Anschlüssel: London/Berlin* drawing survey at London's C4RD and whose works were paired with Dada vanguard Francis Picabia at the Museum of Contemporary Art, London; and Düsseldorf-based painter Max Frintrop (CHAPLINI, Cologne), whose solo exhibition *Gelsenkirchener Gangart* concluded this spring at young contemporary art-space Baustelle Schaustelle, Essen.

Many galleries engage in two-or-three artist dialogues, including: Martin Asbæk Gallery (Copenhagen), pairing collagist-painter Sofie Bird Møller (2012 residency at CCA Andratx, Mallorca, Spain) with photographer Nicolai Howalt; TEAPOT (Cologne) contrasts Thomas Palme's large works on paper with Christian Eisenberger's sculpture; Paolo Maria Deanesi Gallery (Rovereto) follows photographer Armano Lulaj (participant in the 2007 Venice Biennale and 2010 Berlin Biennial) with video/performance artist Dacia Manto, winner of the Premio Aletti, ArtVerona 2011; and espaivisor – Visor Gallery's (Valencia) eclectic program of Columbian artist Alberto Baraya (in the 53rd Venice Biennale), Croatian cross-media pioneer Sanja Iveković (her first-ever U.S. career survey recently concluded at Museum of Modern Art, New York), and British conceptual "walking artist" and photographer Hamish Fulton.

VOLTA8 also features exhibitors new to its Basel and New York fairs, such as: Brundyn + Gonsalves (Cape Town), whose artist Matthew Hindley is participating in the Global Groove exhibition at Eli and Edythe Broad Museum, Michigan; Dubai's Lawrie Shabibi, presenting a discourse between Marwan Sahmarani (2010 Abraaj Capital Art Prize winner and participant in Art Dubai) and



Shapour Pouyan (recipient of Tehran Contemporary Museum of Art's residency grant at Cité Internationale des Arts, Paris); Galleria Heino (Helsinki), debuting artistic duo IC-98's (Visa Suonpää and Patrik Söderlund) project *Oikoumene*; and Berlin's ph-projects, showcasing mixed-media artist Ulla von Brandenburg, who just participated in the Prague Quadrennial, Belgrade, and Eorem Sanai (Ice Man) at Arario Gallery Cheonan, South Korea.

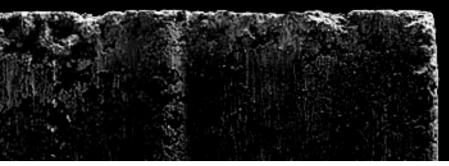
This June, VOLTA8 occurs just after the commencement of dOCUMENTA 13, which will drive throngs to Switzerland. Coupled with unique special programming and signature limited edition, VOLTA8 will be a destination for creative contemporary art and thoughtful dialogue.

VOLTA8 at Dreispitzhalle is only 7 minutes from the central train station SBB by public transport, 9 minutes via the Tram 10 or 11 from Bankverein (Kunsthalle/Kunstmuseum), or 5 minutes by car. Reaching the fair is effortless, with direct, complimentary VOLTA8 shuttles running from Art Basel and LISTE. With a 450-place car park one block away, parking is trouble-free. All travel information can be found by visiting our website.

VOLTA was founded in Basel in 2005 by dealers Kavi Gupta (Chicago), Ulrich Voges (Frankfurt), and Friedrich Loock (Berlin).

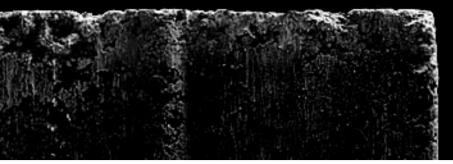
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A full list of exhibitors can be reviewed below or on our website at www.voltashow.com.

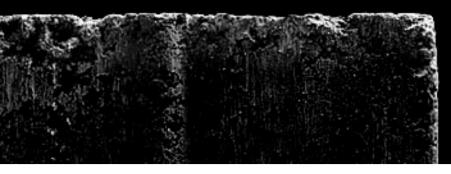


VOLTA8 EXHIBITOR LIST

Gallery	City	Country	Gallery	City	Country
401 contemporary	Berlin	Germany	galerieKleindienst	Leipzig	Germany
ADN Galeria	Barcelona	Spain	Kudlek van der Grinten Galerie	Cologne	Germany
AKINCI	Amsterdam	Netherlands	LARMgalleri	Copenhagen	Denmark
ASPN	Leipzig	Germany	Peter Lav Gallery	Copenhagen	Denmark
ALARCÓN CRIADO GALERIA	Seville	Spain	Lawrie Shabibi	Dubai	United Arab Emirates
Martin Asbæk Gallery	Copenhagen	Denmark	Galerie Christian Lethert	Cologne	Germany
BACKSLASH GALLERY	Paris	France	LOOCK Galerie	Berlin	Germany
galerie baer	Dresden	Germany	MA2Gallery	Tokyo	Japan
balzerARTprojects	Basel	Switzerland	MAGROROCCA	Milan	Italy
Galerie Anita Beckers	Frankfurt/ Main	Germany	Galerie Ron Mandos	Amsterdam	Netherlands
Federico Bianchi Contemporary Art	Milan	Italy	Marine Contemporary	Venice, CA	USA
Sebastian Brandl	Cologne	Germany	Galerie Mario Mazzoli	Berlin	Germany
Brotkunsthalle	Vienna	Austria	Galerie Metro	Berlin	Germany
Brundyn + Gonsalves	Cape Town	South Africa	Nusser & Baumgart	Munich	Germany
Brunnhofer Galerie	Linz	Austria	ph-projects	Berlin	Germany
CHAPLINI	Cologne	Germany	Post Box Gallery	London	UK
Conner Contemporary Art	Washington DC	USA	Foundation for Promoting Contemporary Art Program Gallery	Warsaw	Poland
Ana Cristea Gallery	New York	USA	David Risley Gallery	Copenhagen	Denmark
ERIKA DEÁK GALLERY	Budapest	Hungary	Tyler Rollins Fine Art	New York	USA
PAOLO MARIA DEANESI GALLERY	Rovereto	Italy	Galerie Stefan Röpke	Cologne	Germany
EB&Flow	London	UK	Sue Scott Gallery	New York	USA
GALLERI CHRISTOFFER EGELUND	Copenhagen	Denmark	Poppy Sebire	London	UK
Galerie Julia Garnatz	Cologne	Germany	Galerija Skuc	Ljubljana	Slovenia
GALERIA ENRIQUE GUERRERO	Mexico City	Mexico	SPECTA	Copenhagen	Denmark
espaivisor - Visor Gallery	Valencia	Spain	Stene Projects	Stockholm	Sweden



Jonathan Ferrara Gallery	New Orleans	USA	Galerie Heike Strelow	Frankfurt/ Main	Germany
FORMATOCOMODO	Madrid	Spain	Sullivan+Strumpf	Zetland, Sydney	Australia
Fred [London] Limited	London	UK	Jiri Svestka Gallery	Prague / Berlin	Czech Republic / Germany
frosch&portmann	New York	USA	TEAPOT	Cologne	Germany
Galerie Mathias Güntner	Hamburg	Germany	TinT	Thessaloniki	Greece
H'art gallery	Bucharest	Romania	Steve Turner Contemporary	Los Angeles	USA
Patrick Heide Contemporary Art	London	UK	Union Gallery	London	UK
Galleria Heino	Helsinki	Finland	V1 Gallery	Copenhagen	Denmark
Henningsen Gallery	Copenhagen	Denmark	Valenzuela Klenner Galeria	Bogotà	Colombia
Henrique Faria Fine Art	New York	USA	Valle Ortí	Valencia	Spain
Jarmuschek + Partner	Berlin	Germany	Vane	Newcastle upon Tyne	UK
Luis De Jesus Los Angeles	Los Angeles	USA	Vernon Gallery	Prague	Czech Republic
KATZ CONTEMPORARY	Zurich	Switzerland	WHATIFTHEWORLD / GALLERY	Cape Town	South Africa
Gallery Kalhama & Piippo Contemporary	Helsinki	Finland	WIDMER+THEODOR IDIS	Zurich	Switzerland
Kevin Kavanagh	Dublin	Ireland	Galerie Zimmermann Kratochwill	Graz	Austria



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VOLTA8 INFO SHEET

EXHIBITION: Monday, June 11 – Saturday, June 16, 2012

CLOSED ON SUNDAY

PREVIEWS: Monday, June 11th

Press Conference: 9:30 a.m

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Guest of Honor:} & 10 \text{ a.m.} - 12 \text{ p.m.} \\ \text{VIP/Professional:} & 12 \text{ p.m.} - 2 \text{ p.m.} \\ \text{General Public:} & 2 \text{ p.m.} - 6 \text{ p.m.} \end{array}$

DAILY HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

LOCATION: Dreispitzhalle

Helsinkistrasse 5

4053 Basel / Muenchenstein

PARKING: One block away

Frankfurt-Strasse 37

4053 Basel

TICKET INFORMATION:

ADULTS:

CHF 17/ € 12

CONCESSIONS/

STUDENTS:

CHF 14/ € 10

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