

VOLTA8 Basel  
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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 Makhlof** (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](http://www.voltashow.com).

## VOLTA8 EXHIBITOR LIST

| Gallery                           | City            | Country      | Gallery   | City       | Country              |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---|------------|----------------------|
| 401contemporary                   | 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              |
| espavisor - Visor Gallery         | Valencia        | Spain        | Stene Projects  | Stockholm  | Sweden               |

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

## VOLTA8 INFO SHEET

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| <b>EXHIBITION:</b>                 | Monday, June 11 – Saturday, June 16, 2012<br>CLOSED ON SUNDAY  |
| <b>PREVIEWS:</b>                   | Monday, June 11th<br>Press Conference: 9:30 a.m.<br>Guest of Honor: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.<br>VIP/Professional: 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.<br>General Public: 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. |
| <b>DAILY HOURS:</b>                | Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  |
| <b>LOCATION:</b>                   | Dreispitzhalle<br>Helsinkistrasse 5<br>4053 Basel / Muenchenstein  |
| <b>PARKING:</b>                    | One block away<br>Frankfurt-Strasse 37<br>4053 Basel   |
| <b>TICKET INFORMATION:</b>         |  |
| <b>ADULTS:</b>                     | CHF 17/ € 12   |
| <b>CONCESSIONS/<br/>STUDENTS :</b> | CHF 14/ € 10   |
| <b>VOLTA8 CATALOGUE:</b>           | CHF 40/ € 28   |
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