

## PRESS CONFERENCE

**Announcement of the winner of the Prix du Quartier des Bains 2010  
(in the presence of the jury)  
Preview of the projects of all the artists**

**Thursday 21 January from 6 pm to 7 pm  
5 rue de la Muse (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
Cocktail offered by Ruinart champagne**

**Common opening of all the galleries: from 6 pm to 9 pm  
Programme on [www.quartierdesbains.ch](http://www.quartierdesbains.ch)**

*Geneva, 15 January 2010* – The announcement of the results of the Prix du Quartier des Bains 2010 will take place on Thursday 21 January at 6 pm, at 5 rue de la Muse, right after the deliberations of the Jury. The artists participating in the competition this year have been invited by 22 art places, combining most of the “Kunsthalle” (art centers) in Switzerland, Swiss cultural institutes abroad and several contemporary art museums in Switzerland. On the same night, all the galleries of the Quartier des Bains district will organise their first common opening of the year.

Which one of the following artists will be the winner of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Prix du Quartier des Bains?

**Cláudio Antunes** invited by the KUNSTHALLE WIL IM HOF  
**Marc Bijl** invited by the KUNSTHALLE WINTERTHUR  
**Kerstin Brätsch** invited by KUNSTHALLE ZÜRICH  
**Stefan Brüggemann** invited by the KUNSTHALLE BERN  
**Julia Born** invited by the KUNSTHALLE BASEL  
**Andreas Dobler** invited by the KUNSTRAUM BADEN  
**Charles-François Duplain** invited by the EAC LES HALLES, Porrentruy  
**Matias Faldbakken** invited by the KUNSTHALLE SANKT GALLEN  
**Luca Frei** invited by the ISTITUTO SVIZZERO, Roma/Milano/Venezia  
**Piero Golia** invited by the KUNSTHAUS BASELSTADT  
**Max Grüter** invited by the HAUS FÜR KUNST URI  
**Andrea Heller** invited by KUNSTHAUS LANGENTHAL  
**François Kohler** invited by CIRCUIT, Lausanne  
**Stéphane Kropf** invited by the GALERIE 1M3, Lausanne  
**Tobias Madison** invited by the SWISS INSTITUTE, New York  
**Francisco da Mata** invited by the CAN - CENTRE D'ART NEUCHÂTEL  
**Pier Giorgio De Pinto** invited by the CENTRO D'ARTE CONT. BELLINZONA TICINO  
**Sladjan Nedeljkovic** invited by the KUNSTHAUS ZUG  
**Mai-Thu Perret** invited by MIGROS MUSEUM, Zurich  
**Delphine Reist** invited by FRI ART, Fribourg  
**Kirstine Roepstorff** invited by KUNSTMUSEUM BASEL, FÜR GEGENWARTSKUNST  
**Gerda Steiner & Jörg Lenzlinger** invited by the CENTRE CULTUREL SUISSE, Paris

The answer will be given by the International Jury comprising the following personalities :

- **Andrea Bellini, Director of Castello di Rivoli, Museum of Contemporary Art in Torino, Italy**
- **Lionel Bovier, Director of JRP Ringier, Zurich**
- **Michèle Freiburghaus, Director of the FMAC, Geneva**
- **Simon Lamunière, Curator of Art Unlimited, Basel**
- **Eva Presenhuber, Galerie Eva Presenhuber, Zurich**
- **Jonathan Watkins, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, UK**
- **Marie-Claude Stobart, Blancpain Art Contemporain, President of the Quartier des Bains association (no right to vote)**

Launched in 2006, the “Prix du Quartier des Bains” is an art contest open to invited artists. They have to submit the project of a banner for the Quartier des Bains art district and the project of a flag for the Pont du Mont-Blanc, famous bridge in the center of Geneva. The banners will be shown during the three Nuits des Bains (March – May – September) and the flags will be displayed on the Mont-Blanc bridge during the whole month of July 2010. The winning project of the “Prix du Quartier des Bains” is awarded a 10'000 CHF cheque. The winners of the former editions: Sam Samore (USA) in 2006, Fabrice Gygi (CH) in 2007, Ryan Gander (UK) in 2008 and Gianni Motti (CH) in 2009.

### **NEXT NUIT DES BAINS : Thursday 18 March 2010**

#### **Galleries and institutions in the Quartier des Bains**

Analix Forever - Andata Ritorno - Galerie Guy Bärtschi - BFAS Blondeau Fine Art Services - Blancpain Art Contemporain - Galerie Patrick Cramer - Centre d'Art Contemporain Genève – Centre de la Photographie - Evergreene - Mamco, Musée d'art moderne et contemporain - Mitterrand + Cramer fine art - Galerie Charlotte Moser – TM Project – SAKS – Skopia art contemporain / P.-H. Jaccaud

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**Restaurants Cafés Hôtels** : Tiffany Hotel, Le Réservoir, Café des Bains, La Broche

**In the district**: FreeStudios, Best of Caritas, Suspiro

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