

QUARTIER DES BAINS PRESENTS GIANNI MOTTI'S FLAGS ON THE PONT DU MONT-BLANC FROM JUNE 29TH TO JULY 6TH 2009

Geneva, May 20th 2009 – The association of the Quartier des Bains is proud to present this summer “Hedge Flag”, the installation of Gianni Motti, laureate of the Prix du Quartier des Bains 2009, on the Pont du Mont-Blanc in downtown Geneva from June 29th to July 6th 2009.

Prix du Quartier des Bains 2009

Remember that the Prix du Quartier des Bains in 2009 was awarded to the artist Gianni Motti in March 2009. Designated by an International Jury, Gianni Motti has been invited by the Centre for Contemporary Art Geneva to participate in the contest. He has been chosen among 20 artists invited by the galleries and the Quartier des Bains' institutions and the HEAD, the High School of Art and Design in Geneva. *“In these times of economic, social and politic destabilization, I propose entirely white flags. No sign, no logo, no information and no image but a truce also for the spectator, a time for reflection...”* explains Gianni Motti.

Members of the Jury were Chantal Prod'Hom, director of the Mudac in Lausanne, Simon Lamunière, curator of ArtBasel Unlimited, Heike Munder, director of the Migros Museum in Zurich, Michèle Freiburghaus, from the FMAC, Thierry Raspail, director of the Contemporary Art Museum of Lyon and Jonathan Watkins, director of Ikon Gallery in Birmingham (more info at the end of the document).

Next Nuit des Bains, Thursday September 17th 2009

After the success of the last Nuit des Bains on May 14th where the public came generously since we have counted more than 3'500 visitors in one night in the Quartier des Bains, prepare your calendars... The contemporary art galleries of the Quartier des Bains will join their openings, by the side of the MAMCO, with “Le principe de l'incertitude” and 6 solo shows, and of the Contemporary Art Centre who'll present les Bourses des Fonds Berthoud, Lissignol-Chevalier and Galland, next Thursday September 17th.

The gallery Skopia (P.-H. Jaccaud) will present new works by THOMAS HUBER. The gallery Evergreene will propose the Swiss artist PIERRE VADI, from whom we saw a retrospective this year at the MAMCO. Pierre Vadi will also be invited at the same time to the famous event “Le Printemps de Septembre” in Toulouse. Alongside the gallery Guy Bärtschi which will once again present the impressive JAN FABRE, the gallery Charlotte Moser will show a collective exhibition “Animal Hits”, Blancpain Art Contemporain will present the English artist ROBERT CURRIE, and Cramer Contemporary the photographer LUCIEN CLERGUE. BFAS Blondeau Fine Art Services at 5 rue de la Muse will show a collective exhibition “Why painting now? ”; the gallery Analix Forever will celebrate its opening with the Turkish artist ALI KAZMA ; Mitterrand + Cramer and Andata/Ritorno will show new exhibitions like SAKS gallery, a newcomer to the association.

The Nuit des Bains will coincide this year with two big events: the **MAC 09 (Contemporary Art Manifestation)**, and **Design Days**, organised in collaboration with the magazines Edelweiss and Espaces Contemporains. These events will open with the Nuit des Bains, Thursday September 17th and will last until September 20th, with numerous exhibitions in the entire city of Geneva.

New website www.quartierdesbains.ch



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1. PROGRAMME OF THE OPENINGS ON SEPTEMBER 17TH

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September 17th – October

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sa 11am – 5pm

JAN FABRE

La métamorphose de l'artiste

September 17th – October

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Why Painting Now?

**MEL BOCHNER, ALEX BROWN, DANIEL HESIDENCE, MAMIE HOLST, MARTIN
KIPPENBERGER, ALAN MICHAEL, TODD NORSTEN, ALBERT OEHLEN, DAVIS RHODES, JIM
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September 17th – October

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ROBERT CURRIE

September 17th – October

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Exposition des BOURSES

Ville de Genève – Fonds Berthoud, Lissignol-Chevalier et Galland

September 2009

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PIERRE VADI

September 17th – October

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Le principe d'incertitude

June 24th - September 17th

6 solo exhibitions :

THOMAS BAYRLE
DENIS CASTELLAS
NINA CHILDRESS
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Animal hits

Exposition collective:

Ronan Barrot, Georg Baselitz, Robert Combas, Vincent Corpet, Dubossarsky & Vinogradov, Sven Kroner, Elke Krisufelk, Ulrich Lamsfuss, David Scher, Daniel Schlier, Alain Séchas, Ida Tursic et Wilfried Mille, Daniel Spoerri, Eric Winarto, Anatoly Zverev...

From September 17th to October 30th 2009

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THOMAS HUBER

September 17th – October 31th 2009

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THE « PRIX DU QUARTIER DES BAINS 2009 »

The Quartier des Bains launched in 2006 the "Prix du Quartier des Bains", art contest for the realization of a signal for the Quartier des Bains through banners. The idea was to provide a signal to the district, while offering an art installation in the public space. In 2007, the competition has grown from an installation of flags in the center of Geneva: the Pont du Mont-Blanc. The "Prix du Quartier des Bains" is endowed with CHF 10'000.- offered by our partner the Banque SYZ & CO.

Laureate 2006 : Sam Samore (USA)
Laureate 2007 : Fabrice Gygi (Suisse)
Laureate 2008 : Ryan Gander (UK)

LAUREATE OF THE "PRIX DU QUARTIER DES BAINS 2009" »

GIANNI MOTTI

Members of the jury that met last January, were: Prod'Hom Chantal, President, Director of Mudac in Lausanne, Lamunière Simon, Curator of Art Basel Unlimited, Heike Munder, Director of the Migros Museum in Zurich, Michèle Freiburghaus, FMAC, Fonds Municipal d'Art Contemporain, Thierry Raspail, Director of the Musée d'art Contemporain in Lyon and Jonathan Watkins, Director of Ikon Gallery Birmingham (also curator of several major exhibitions and biennials).

Gianni Motti, about his project entitled « Hedge Flag » :

« In these times of economic, social and politic destabilization, I propose entirely white flags. No sign, no logo, no information and no image but a truce also for the spectator, a time for reflection... »

The white flag symbolizes truce and a belligerent's surrender. This flag is typically used during war time; soldiers carrying or waving a white flag are not to be fired upon; it tells everyone that a negotiator is approaching unarmed or with an intent to surrender.

Lately, the capitalist system in crisis has also for the first time hoisted the white flag: banks, companies and multinationals hurry for asking the states for their help.

The Geneva city is the World's Capital for private funds management with 1200 banks and more than 500 independent investment managers. It would be interesting to see this truce or surrender waving in the wind on the Mont-Blanc Bridge, just in front of the banks. »

The Jury, about Gianni Motti's project:

« The Discussions were quickly directed to the project of Gianni Motti »

« Great storyteller. He is producing stories. It's a blank thing, but it comments the situation around. »

Jonathan Watkins, who was participating for the first time at the Jury of the Price: *« The process was very interesting. I became acquainted with artists that I did not know. The discussions were very stimulating and have a good sense of what is happening in Switzerland and around the world... »*

The Banners of Gianni Motti will be visible in the QuARTier des Bains during the Nuit des Bains, for ten days, around the following dates: the 19th March, the 14th May and the 17th September.

The artists invited this year were:

Packard Jennings invited by Analix Forever
Gerald Minkoff invited by Andato/Ritorno
Mohammad Ali TALPUR invited by Art & Public
Marie Velardi invited by ARQUEBUSE
Philippe Favier invited by Gallery Guy Bärtschi
Polly Apfelbaum invited by BLANCPAIN ART CONTEMPORAIN
Matthew Brannon invited by BFAS Blondeau Fine Art Services
Gianni Motti invited by Centre d'Art Contemporain Genève
Delphine Coindet invited by Evergreene
Christian Robert-Tissot invited by the Mamco
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