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Media Release: Liste announces new formats for 2021 Basel, 1 December 2020

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Liste, which has been inviting outstanding galleries of the younger generation to show the latest developments in contemporary art for 25 years, is further expanding its commitment to presenting new positions from around the world. Going forward, Liste will consist of three formats: Liste Art Fair Basel, Liste Showtime Online and Liste Expedition Online.

The uncertainty of the past nine months led us to create additional formats for Liste 2021, which, on the one hand, correspond to the core concerns of Liste and, on the other hand, will offer dynamic ways to respond to the effects of the pandemic as it continues to run its course.

For 25 years, Liste has been the place for young galleries from all over the world to present the most important emerging artists to an international audience in Basel. These new voices in the international art discourse try not only to understand our present but also help create it. This makes it all the more important, in times of the local and virtual, to give these artists the best possible international platform beyond a physical presence at the fair. For this reason, in addition to specially tailoring our 2021 fair, Liste Art Fair Basel, we have decided to expand our digital format Liste Showtime Online and to forge ahead with the creation of a new research forum, Liste Expedition Online.

Galleries have the choice to apply for Liste Showtime Online only or for Liste Art Fair Basel, which includes participation in Liste Showtime Online. For the first time, project spaces can also apply to Liste Showtime Online. All presentations from Liste Showtime Online will be transferred to Liste Expedition Online after each edition. There is no separate application for Liste Expedition Online.

Liste Art Fair Basel, 14 – 20 June 2021

New

- Location 2021: Messe Basel
- Galleries can apply for joint stands
- Participation in Liste Showtime Online and Liste Expedition Online included

Liste Art Fair Basel, the fair format that has made Liste the leading international venue for discovering contemporary art, will be held at Messe Basel for its 26th edition. This one-time location for 2021 enables Liste to meet the requirements of planning in times of a pandemic and to implement a safety protocol. Furthermore,

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the concentration of Art Basel, Design Miami, the Swiss Art Awards and Liste Art Fair Basel at one site is a sign of solidarity and demonstrates the various players' willingness to collaborate, which will benefit all visitors. Liste Art Fair Basel is grateful for Art Basel's support in making this possible.

For the first time, galleries have the opportunity to apply for a joint stand with one artist per gallery. Joint stands can be offered at lower prices compared to individual stands and also give exhibitors who may not yet be able to travel to Basel in June 2021 the opportunity to cooperate with a European partner. Depending on the number of applications, Liste will select an appropriate number of exhibitors to ensure the quality standard of the fair.

All galleries participating in the physical fair will automatically be included in Liste Showtime Online and Liste Expedition Online. Liste Showtime Online will offer exhibitors the opportunity to present one artist from their fair presentation in a digital format.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Foundation for the Promotion of Contemporary Art in Basel, galleries can apply on behalf of their exhibiting artists for a production cost subsidy to help finance new artworks being made for the fair.

Additionally, the Friends of Liste circle of patrons will once again support particularly outstanding fair presentations with stand price reductions. All galleries applying for Liste Art Fair Basel can also apply for this support.

Important dates

- Application period: Now through 8 January 2021
- Preview and opening: Monday, 14 June 2021, 11 am 8 pm
- Public days: Tuesday, 15 June Sunday, 20 June 2021
- Opening hours: Tuesday Saturday, 12 pm 8 pm; Sunday, 11 am 4 pm

Liste Showtime Online, 10 – 25 June 2021

New

- Extends participation to galleries that are not part of the physical fair
- Gives project spaces the opportunity to apply
- Curated programme
- Participation in Liste Expedition Online included

Liste Showtime Online, the digital format first launched in 2020, is opening its platform to also include galleries and project spaces not participating in the fair. In doing so, Liste is expanding its international network, enabling galleries and project spaces for which participation in the fair is not an option to present a new position in contemporary art online. For galleries participating in the fair, Liste Showtime Online will become an extended digital presentation of one of their artists shown at the fair. Collectors, curators and art lovers alike will gain a global overview of the new voices in contemporary art.

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In cooperation with and with the support of foundations and private organisations, the aim is to provide an international platform especially for artists from galleries and project spaces in areas beyond the art centres. Among other initiatives, the Swiss Eckenstein-Geigy Foundation is supporting artists who have not yet had a solo exhibition outside of their home country with its Impact funding programme. Impact will be awarded to somewhere between 10 and 20 exhibitors, who will receive financial support in the amount of two thirds of their participation fee.

In addition, special curated features and new contexts focusing on relevant topics in contemporary art discourse will be created in collaboration with curators and theorists for Liste Showtime Online.

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- Application period: Now through 8 January 2021
- Preview days: Thursday, 10 June Sunday, 13 June 2021
- Public access: Monday, 14 June Friday, 25 June 2021

Liste Expedition Online, from July 2021 onward

New

- Non-commercial digital research forum
- Index of artists and new positions in contemporary art
- Curated programme
- Realised by the Joinery, an association of Liste

Liste Expedition Online will be a non-commercial research forum with a continuously growing index of artists who represent new positions in contemporary art. The artists are selected by galleries and project spaces participating in Liste Showtime Online, including those with physical presentations at Liste Art Fair Basel. Liste – which aims to provide an international overview of the latest developments and trends in contemporary art to a global audience – developed this format in response to the pandemic, which has made online research more important than ever. With Liste Expedition Online, Liste transforms knowledge that was previously only presented temporarily at the fair into a digital research forum.

After each edition of Liste Showtime Online, the presentations of the artists will be transferred to Liste Expedition Online, thus providing a research platform for collectors, curators and all those interested in art. With extensive categories and filter functions, a curated programme and collaborations, Liste Expedition Online will become a dynamic website and pool of international positions in contemporary art, which will grow year by year, will be a publicly accessible and will be a lively virtual place for contemporary art year-round.

Liste Expedition Online is a non-commercial project carried out by the Joinery, an association that was founded in 2018 in the context of Liste Art Fair Basel. It aims

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to mediate young contemporary art in different contexts and with different formats and to enable a comprehensive exchange with a broad public.

Important Dates

- Public from July 2021 onward

These new forward-looking and dynamic formats of Liste are made possible thanks to the support of our main partner, E. Gutzwiller & Cie, Banquiers, whose 25 years of commitment to Liste will be celebrated in 2021.

Notes to the editors

About Liste

Liste Art Fair Basel was founded in 1996 by the Zurich gallerists Eva Presenhuber and Peter Kilchmann together with the curator Peter Bläuer. In the first year, 37 galleries from 12 countries exhibited at Liste, including the founders as well as galleries like Air de Paris, Paris; Massimo di Carlo, Milan; neugerriemschneider, Berlin; Maureen Paley, London; Barbara Weiss, Berlin; and David Zwirner, New York.

Since 2019, Liste has been under the direction of Joanna Kamm, who continues the fair's central concern of opening the door to the international art world for a new generation of gallerists and artists. Due to COVID-19, the 25th edition of Liste Art Fair Basel in 2020 was cancelled and replaced by the first edition of the new digital format Liste Showtime Online.

Main partner

Since 1997, E. Gutzwiller & Cie, Banquiers, Basel has been Liste's main partner. With their generous commitment, they enable favourable conditions for the galleries.

Overview of important dates

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