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Invitation

Art & Peace

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Silvia Bächli and Lidwien van de Ven

> Thursday 20th November 2014

The Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in co-operation with artasfoundation – the Swiss foundation for art in peacebuilding – and with the support of the City of Geneva, has the pleasure of inviting you to the opening of an art exhibition. It will showcase the work of two artists:

Ms Silvia Bächli and Ms Lidwien van de Ven

Thursday 20th November, 2014

from 6:30pm to 9:00pm

at the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue's headquarters in the Villa Plantamour

114 rue de Lausanne,

Geneva

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The evening will begin with a welcome from Mr David Harland, Executive Director of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, followed by a brief address by Mr Sami Kanaan, Mayor of the City of Geneva. Ms Dagmar Reichert, Executive Director of the artasfoundation, will then introduce the exhibition. Both artists will also be present for the event.

Light refreshments will be served during the evening.

RSVP by 12th November, 2014 to Ms Aurélie Villar by email at villar@hdcentre.org or by telephone on 022 908 11 48.



About the artists

Ms Silvia Bächli:

Born in Switzerland, Ms Silvia Bächli lives and works in Basel and Paris and is Professor at the *Staatliche Akademie der Bildenden Künste* in Karlsruhe, Germany. She has shown her drawings, paintings and photographic works internationally at many exhibitions, most recently in a solo show at the *Pinakothek der Moderne* in Munich. Ms Bächli received the *Prix Meret Oppenheim* from the Swiss Federal Office of Culture in 2003 and represented Switzerland at the 53rd *Biennale di Venezia* in 2009. In November 2014, she was awarded the *Kulturpreis der Stadt Basel.*

This exhibition seeks to explore the contribution of art to peacemaking and peacebuilding.



Ms Lidwien van de Ven:

Born in the Netherlands, Ms Lidwien van de Ven lives and works in Rotterdam and Berlin. Her photographs, installations and videos have been shown in major international exhibitions, including the *Biennale of Sydney 2006, Documenta 12*, and most recently in the Museo Reina Sofía, Madrid. Ms van de Ven was recently nominated for the 2014 Dolf Henkes Award in Rotterdam.

Lidwien van de Ven, Untitled (Dead Sea), 2014.



The City of Geneva is pleased to support the Art & Peace exhibition.

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artasfoundation is an independent Swiss foundation for art in the context of peacebuilding, based in Zürich. Established in 2011, the foundation investigates how art can support conflict mediation and peacebuilding. It initiates its own art projects and accompanies their realisation. Artasfoundation is mainly financed through private contributions.

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