

# Herrmann Germann Contemporary

## Barbara Müller Colliding Beam

26 March – 07 May 2011  
Opening, Friday 25 March, 6 – 9 p.m.

«Everything becomes activated when contradictions amass» – Gaston Bachelard

Why is it thus and not otherwise? Many of us consign such questions to our childhoods, only to leave them behind, unanswered. What lies innermost in an object or event becomes accessible only if we abandon the comfort zone of pure observation. Barbara Müller's exhibition focuses on the collision of particles, and on questions and their interpretations. Her work presents variations on one and the same theme, explores the causes and effects of contradictions, and lends these manifold expression.

Through simple interventions and complex reflections, her work brings forth a narrative environment, both in form and in content, such as in a walkable installation that serves both as a safe haven and as a control station. <15 PS Uninhabited> – white pieces of harness, each reminiscent of blinders fitted to horses, create an image of asynchronic togetherness. Unanswered questions about authorship or originators, moreover, leave behind poetic unclarity.

Müller's works can be read as deviations from existing standards, forming part of her quest to invent new ones and to develop alternative scenarios.

«When I was working as a photographer, content was situated in pictorial space, whereas now objects and installations manifest themselves, presenting me with a completely different, more demanding challenge, besides offering boundless new possibilities.»

While for her a work must evoke associations and provide stimulus, it need not be conclusively definitive. – Tomas Germann

Barbara Müller was born in Schaffhausen in 1972. She studied photography at Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK) and holds an MA in Fine Arts both from the Hochschule für Gestaltung und Kunst Basel and from Goldsmiths College, University of London. Her awards include the Adolf Dietrich Förderpreis der Kunstgesellschaft Thurgau (2005) and the Prix Photoforum of the PhotoforumPasquArt Biel (2007).

### Events

02 April 12 noon to 5 p.m. Meet the artist

20 April 7–9 p.m. Barbara Müller – Parcours

### Forthcoming exhibitions of Barbara Müller's work in 2011

27 June – 16 July <The Travelling Artist, Wien – Budapest – Basel>, ein Projekt von Sarah Bernauer, Artachment Basel (Group exhibition)

16 October – 11 December <Der Traum vom Fliegen>, Galerie Gluri Suter Huus, Wettingen (Group exhibition)

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