

Press release
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18th Triennial Exhibition, Grenchen **art limited – multiple art to celebrate 50th anniversary**

The *Triennale - art limited* will be celebrating its 18th edition and its 50th anniversary in Grenchen from 10 - 14 September 2009. Some 4,000 visitors from all over Switzerland and neighbouring countries flock to the oldest Swiss exhibition of original prints each time. *art limited* will be celebrating its anniversary with the creation of the largest print world-wide right on the market square in the heart of Grenchen and two special exhibitions as well as an extensive fringe programme.

art limited is turning 50. The event takes place every three years and evolved from an initiative of various industrialists from the watch sector in 1958. It has since developed into one of the most important exhibitions in the field of printmaking. More than 40 editors and publishers from Switzerland and abroad will be showing current trends and developments in multiple art. The focus in this will be on the original print. Each trade fair/exhibition offers a wide variety of different insights into the current work and technical possibilities.

TIME

art limited will be celebrating its 50th anniversary by printing the world's largest print, the "Grafika Maxima". 50 artists from Switzerland and neighbouring countries will jointly be designing the print which will represent the concept of "time". The artists' individual contributions to "Grafika Maxima" will remain with *art limited* as a gift. These gifts intend to express their appreciation for what the Triennale does for printmaking and art. At the same time, they have agreed to act as ambassadors to the Triennale in their home area. The size of "Grafika Maxima" aims at being included in the Guinness Book of Records. There will be a huge interactive performance with the people when it is printed right there on the market square in the heart of Grenchen. This will also serve to raise the public's awareness of *art limited*.

More highlights in the anniversary year will be the special exhibitions of:

Ben Vautier. The artist, who lives in Nice, raised a stir with his work of art "La Suisse n'existe pas" at the Swiss Pavilion of the World Expo in Seville in 1992. As an important representative of the fluxus movement, the artist, born in 1935, will be presenting a comprehensive range of his work from the field of multiple art.

The Academy of Fine Arts in Munich is one of the most important educational institutes for multiple art in Europe. The special exhibition will be showing the various art studios. This presentation is intended by *art limited* to promote the dialogue between the interested public, art agents and educational institutes.

In addition, a broad fringe programme will be providing visitors with the opportunity to contact the artists directly.

art limited is supported by the art society Kunstgesellschaft Grenchen, and it is organised both by the art society and the town. Financial support is granted by the canton of Solothurn, the town of Grenchen and various sponsors.

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