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Liste Art Fair Basel and Liste Showtime Online 2021 final report

This month Liste was pleased to be able to open the doors once again to Liste Art Fair Basel 2021, the physical fair in Basel which concluded on 26 September, as well as to host Liste Showtime Online 2021, the digital fair which ended yesterday. The Liste team was impressed by all of the industry professionals who travelled to Basel and visited the fair in person, demonstrating their commitment to young contemporary art. Around 12'000 guests attended the fair in person, at Liste's new location at Hall 1.1 of Messe Basel, and Liste Showtime recorded more than 100'000 views from around the world during its two-week run.

While the planning process for Liste Art Fair Basel this year may have looked different than others, the 81 participating galleries from 33 countries were still able to record impressive sales and established new relationships with museums and collections. Liste Showtime Online's 110 exhibitors from 41 countries also recorded strong sales and established new connections through digital means.

The Liste team took special steps in planning this year's fair. The primary shift was Liste's relocation to Hall 1.1 of Messe Basel. This location placed Liste Art Fair Basel in direct proximity to Art Basel, the Swiss Art and Design Awards, Design Miami, I Never Read, and June – a move that marked a unique collaboration and demonstration of solidarity between all parallel fairs. Within Hall 1.1, OFFICE Kersten Geers David Van Severn i.c.w. Richard Venlet developed an engaging architectural plan for Liste, with an interconnected circular design that opened up to various social spaces. One of these spaces was the centrally located Sculpture Piazza, which hosted 11 large-scale sculptures and various seating arrangements, creating a place for meeting, exploring and resting. The Liste team is also thankful for the community's patience and dedication to health and safety: Exhibitors, visitors and staff adhered to COVID-19 protection measures, and the architects' generous floorplan allowed for guests to maintain distance during their visits.

On Liste Showtime, the exhibitors showcased young and largely still unknown positions through solo presentations. Liste was thrilled to be able to welcome its worldwide community through this digital platform, knowing that many would be unable to travel to Basel. Highlights of Liste Showtime 2021 included the text- and video-based project Liste Discourse, which featured 14 young curators and writers, as well as the fact that project spaces from around the world were able to participate for the first time. Thirty of the 110 exhibitors were discoverable exclusively online.

This year Liste also celebrated 25 years of working with E.Gutzwiller & Cie, Banquiers, Basel, the fair's main partner. Without their unwavering commitment, Liste in all its forms would not be what it is today.

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