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CTRL + ALT + DLT: A New Exploration in Mixed Media

The upcoming exhibition, CTRL + ALT + DLT, presents an innovative fusion of mixed media creations by two artists, Christopher Wishart and Yan Balestra, opening on September 5 at 6 PM. The exhibition will run until September 28, inviting viewers to experience a unique dialogue between two artistic worlds.

Christopher Wishart's work delves into the value and entropy of information, merging influences from both analogue and digital realms. His experimental layouts and mark-making emphasize the tangible experience of creation as a means of engaging with the transient nature of information and the ever-evolving landscape of communication. Through tactile interaction with his materials, Chris creates a counterbalance to the ephemeral attributes of digital communication, capturing the fleeting, often chaotic flow of information. His art bridges the gap between traditional techniques and the impermanent nature of contemporary media, offering a contemplative and thought-provoking visual experience.

Yan Balestra, by contrast, brings a vibrant, adventurous energy to the exhibition. Fueling his creations with dreams, travel, extreme sports, and boundless imagination, Yan seeks to convey positive emotions through his work. His diverse artistic techniques, ranging from painting to digital illustration and photography, express a vision filled with joy, wonder, and infinite possibilities. Yan's art is an invitation to explore the inner world, reminding viewers of the beauty of childhood and the magic of existence. His work inspires a sense of curiosity, motivating people to embrace their own imagination and discover the beauty of the world around them.

CTRL + ALT + DLT—the title of the exhibition—takes inspiration from the common keyboard command used to reboot or refresh a computer system. This idea of resetting or reimagining is at the heart of the show, as both artists challenge conventional methods and themes to present a refreshed perspective on contemporary mixed media practices. The exhibition serves as a metaphorical 'reboot' of our understanding of the relationship between the physical and digital, the fleeting and the permanent, the playful and the profound.

From the Curator:

“As the curator of CTRL + ALT + DLT, I am thrilled to present this dynamic dialogue between two compelling artists. Christopher Wishart and Yan Balestra approach the creative process from distinct angles—Chris, with his contemplative reflections on information and communication, and Yan, with his exuberant celebration of imagination and adventure. Together, they invite us to consider not only the material and ephemeral nature of art but also the potential for renewal, transformation, and discovery in our own lives. This exhibition offers viewers an opportunity to 'reset' their perspectives and engage with the world of mixed media in an entirely new way” says Aleksandra.

Event Details:

Exhibition Title: CTRL + ALT + DLT

Artists: Christopher Wishart & Yan Balestra

Curator: Aleksandra Cegielska

Opening Date: September 5, 6 PM

Exhibition Duration: September 5 - September 28

Location:

Eleven Ten Studio

Feldbergstrasse 86, Basel

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Opening Hours:

Wednesday - Friday: 1 pm - 6 pm, Saturday: 11 am - 4 pm

