

PRESS RELEASE

VIENNA INTERNATIONAL APARTMENT

DO NOT TOUCH PLEASE!

19 June to 8 August, 2010

Vernissage: Friday 18 June 2010, 7-9 pm

Open: Tuesday to Friday, 12 – 7pm, or by appointment

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“Vienna was the city of statues. They were as numerous as the people who walked the streets. They stood on the top of the highest towers, lay down on stone tombs, sat on horseback, kneeled, prayed, fought animals and wars, danced, drank wine and read books made of stone. (...)” *

DO NOT TOUCH PLEASE! opens on 19 June in the Vienna International Apartment in Brussels with a collection of images - a prelude to what is to come, what is strongly appealing to the human senses.

DO NOT TOUCH PLEASE! presents works by seven artists from different parts of the world: Panagiotis Balomenos (Greece/Finland), Sabine Jelinek (Austria), Jukka Korkeila (Finland/Germany), Leung Hoi Yat Jonathan (Hong Kong/Belgium), Céline Prestavoine (France/Belgium), Walt Van Beek (Belgium) and Tamara Van San (Belgium).

The artworks presented are manifold including video, sculpture, site-specific intervention, live performance and photography.

Within DO NOT TOUCH PLEASE!, the curator of the exhibition Silvio Salgado created a CURIOSITY CABINET that illustrates the exhibition’s concept – the exploration of one of the primary human senses, the TOUCH; in order to question the ultimate limitation often imposed by public museums and private galleries on how art can be experienced. How many of us have not felt frustrated or exasperated in the museum’s gallery, while trying to get close to a painting to observe closely its details, when suddenly startled by the alarm sound!

In DO NOT TOUCH PLEASE!, the viewer confronts him/herself with the dilemma whether you may or you may not touch, the works on display included.

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**Collages’, extract from a novel by Anais Nin, published by The Swallow Press INC, Chicago 1964.