

PRESS RELEASE
CLAUDIA & JULIA MÜLLER
die angst, die finsternis, die
trostlosigkeit und das unheilvolle
(fear, darkness, hopelessness
and doom)

Opening: August 27 from 6–9 pm, followed by our joint summer party of all the galleries and institutions in the Löwenbräu building.
The exhibition will last until October 9, 2004.

The paintings and etchings of the old masters of the early Renaissance, especially those coming from the northern side of the Alps, do still have until today the effect of a certain darkness and hopelessness connected with fear and a feeling of doom. Artists like Hieronymus Bosch, Martin Schongauer and others loved to portray pious clergymen and saints who were tortured and seduced by diabolic creatures.

The works which will be shown are the result of Claudia & Julia Müller, of their attempt to come to terms with these motives of visions of fantasy and educational illustrations of the good and the bad. The artists made twelve elaborated drawings, different in size, with pencil and acrylic on paper, by copying such elements and taking them out of context. In doing so, they remove the morality of the figures and put it into new combinations (see invitation card). The walls of the room on which the drawings will be displayed are covered with geometrical, grand format wall drawings in black and white, a reference to the polarisation of good versus evil but at the same time putting a question mark by using a dominant colour. Several sculptures (wood carvings) will be placed on the gallery floor with the same objective. But they do not permit an allocation of who is friend or foe.
Maja Wismer (August 2004)

Claudia & Julia Müller (*1964/1965) live and work in Basel. They participate in numerous exhibitions worldwide. Until August 31 their exhibition “Human Territories” runs in the Württembergischen Kunstverein, Stuttgart. In December will open a comprehensive exhibition at the Kunstverein Graz. This show was initiated by the Kunstmuseum Thun, where it also started this past spring. From this show a catalogue is available.

Earlier works by Claudia & Julia Müller will be displayed in the **kilchmann plus** space. Additionally, the **kilchmann plus** space will show other artists of the gallery. The Andro Wekua video “Sicut Liliun Inter Spinis (Like a lily in the back)” will be projected in the **video room**.

Claudia & Julia Müller will be present at the opening. For further information and press images please contact Claudia Friedli (tel: +41 1 440 39 31, e-mail: c.friedli@kilchmanngalerie.com).