After 23 years of participation, this year for the second time the selection committee for Art Basel has placed Galerie Mark Müller on the waiting list.

The rejection of the gallery is at the same time a rejection of the artists, many of whom were exclusively represented at the fair by Mark Müller. It is thus also a rejection of the high quality gallery program since 1990, which is clearly no longer wanted at the fair.

After long consideration, Mark Müller decided to ask for his name to be crossed off the waiting list. This was not a decision made lightly. And it's not a decision out of defiance, but rather based on the experience that the waiting list is just the first step to rejection. Knowing that his fair participation ended with a successful year showing wonderful works, he draws the line with a smile on my face.

But my fair concept planned for next year shall not be for naught, which is why Galerie Mark Müller is presenting a group show focussing on positions that question the borders of the classic art genres and try to reset them. With works reflecting the connections between those genres and set new impulses by their shapes, materials and concepts.

The art represented by Galerie Mark Müller is better situated within their gallery space anyway than in the small booths at the fair.


Exhibition: Jun 11 – Jul 23, 2016, Tue – Fri noon – 6 pm, Sat 11 am – 4 pm or on appointment