

PRESS RELEASE

**YOUNG CURATORS HUB**

**15 -16 JULY 2011**

**10.30 am – 7 pm**

Experimenter presents the YOUNG CURATORS HUB

Experimenter is organizing a Young Curators' Hub on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16th July 2011 at Experimenter in Kolkata where 10 curators with a focus on contemporary South Asian art and an internationally acclaimed Swiss curator come together to discuss, debate and present the most contemporary thought behind curating exhibitions in today's context. The participating curators are:

1. Deeksha Nath
2. Gitanjali Dang
3. Heidi Fichtner
4. Vidya Shivadas
5. Meenakshi Thirukode
6. Maya Kovskaya
7. Oindrila Maity Surai
8. Kanchi Mehta
9. Arshiya Lokhandwala
10. Anirudh Chari
11. Nadia Schneider Willen (Swiss curator)

Curatorial practice in India is at a crucial juncture and it is important to talk about its current state and future development, especially through conversations between these young curators who are pushing the boundaries of contemporary art. The 2-day event will see a coming together of 10 of the country's most promising curators (below the age of 45), acclaimed Swiss curator and member of the jury, Turner Prize 2011, Nadia Schneider Willen and Kolkata's visual arts community, intellectuals and some of the leading contemporary arts personalities from the rest of the country.

Through the inclusion of Nadia Schneider Willen, one of the key outcomes that the Hub is hoping to secure and take forward, is the exchange of thoughts, views & possibilities of collaborations with young Indian curators. Another objective would be to bridge the two contexts of curating in Switzerland and curating in South Asia and discuss how curatorial practice is an important stepping-stone towards a more developed, organized contemporary art scene in the country, which India is poised to take in the coming years.

As a first of its kind, The Young Curators' Hub is a unique opportunity to interact with the exciting young curators and comprehend the pulse of Indian contemporary art in an intense, intellectually stimulating event and we would be grateful if you could have this hub featured / reviewed. For further information please email [prateek@experimenter.in](mailto:prateek@experimenter.in) or call on +91 98300 15854.

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