

PRESS RELEASE

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Kinderclub Museum

Museum Tinguely, Basel, February 10 – May 1, 2011

Museum Tinguely is breaking new ground: with the new Kinderclub Museum – Museum Tinguely, located right in one of the galleries. The official public opening will take place on February 9 at 5:00 pm. Selected works by current and former Kinderclub members will then remain on view until May 1, 2011. The diverse objects on display attest to the children's serious and concentrated engagement with the works of art exhibited at Museum Tinguely, while also providing an idea of the wealth of creative energy set free in the course of over 400 Kinderclub afternoons.

“Welcome to ***Kinderclub Museum*** – we're so happy you could come!” This is how the children greet visitors to the newly opened ***Kinderclub Museum*** in a videotaped message. For the past ten years or so, children aged 8 and over have been meeting at the Kinderclub in Museum Tinguely every Wednesday afternoon. Each week, they explore the exhibits on view at the museum, discussing what they see and making new discoveries. They then proceed to build, design and experiment in the studio, either alone or in groups. The outstanding works resulting from these afternoon sessions inspired the two art educators Beat Klein and Lilian Steinle to establish a special ***Kinderclub Museum***. In our everyday routine, we often see children's artworks merely as cute homemade objects that we admire for a time and then secretly dispose of. The works exhibited in the ***Kinderclub Museum*** prove there's much more to them than that! The objects on display in the ***Kinderclub Museum*** attest to serious and concentrated engagement with works currently or previously exhibited at Museum Tinguely, demonstrating how selected elements are assimilated and then translated through the filter of the children's own imaginations. As a result, the children themselves become mediators through their own works and their presentation at the museum. When we view the artworks created by the children and those of Tinguely in dialogue, we soon discern fascinating reciprocal effects that furnish us with fresh perspectives on both. The simplification in the children's artworks helps us to understand the complexity in the work of Jean Tinguely. In opening the ***Kinderclub Museum*** to the public, Museum Tinguely provides new insights into the creative powers of children and young people, and looks forward to enticing visitors into engaging in new and exciting ways with the world of kinetic art.

You are cordially invited to the opening on February 9, 2011, at 5:00 pm.

General information:

Opening hours: Thursday – Sunday 11 - 18 h (closed on Mondays)

Admission prices:

Adults CHF 15

Students, trainees, seniors, people with disabilities CHF 10

Groups of 20 people or more CHF 10 (per person)

Children aged 16 or under: free

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