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ART TO GO
AND MORE

March 18th – July 10th, 2021

After nine years, Galerie Wenger is closing its doors to its valued visitors and customers with a multifaceted final exhibition. The artist and designer Reto Kaufmann curated the exhibition titled "all" and "art to go". As of March 18th, until the end of June 2021, more than 100 artworks can be admired. To mark the occasion, Zurich-based ceramicist Grazia Conti Rossini Schifferli has been invited to showcase her unique ceramic works.

With "art to go", Galerie Wenger embarked on a new venture. Every two weeks, the gallery selects three pieces of art, displayed on the wall opposite the entrance, which the public can admire from the outside through the gallery's windows without having to enter the premises. The selected artworks – some well under a thousand francs– are chosen to suit every budget. With this special installation, Gallery Wenger is hoping to remove an inhibition that often prevents curious people from entering an art gallery. Additionally, to comply with the current health guidelines, the gallery has set up an "Art Take-Away" window through which the art sales will be conducted.

Those who "dare" to enter the gallery during regular opening hours or by appointment can expect an incredibly diverse exhibition of numerous artworks from the gallery's collection, changing at irregular intervals. Further, everyday objects that form part of a gallery's basic equipment were chosen to display art and to contribute to the exhibition architecture. Transport crates, packing boxes and pedestals divide the gallery into cabinets and form mysterious niches. Together, the equipment serves as subtle but intentional support for the artworks. Is it art or merely an everyday object? Did a simple transport box mutate into a piece of art? Interesting associations with Marcel Duchamp's ready-mades arise.

In 1919, Walter Gropius proclaimed at the Bauhaus, that "there is no difference in essence between the artist and the craftsman". The artist Grazia Conti Rossini Schifferli lives up to this credo with her fine ceramics. Conti Rossini Schifferli skillfully translates her ideas and conceptions into material reality.

And last but not least, not an artistic but a culinary happening will take place at irregular intervals: The "Art Take-Away" window will on selected days, serve the original purpose of a common food take-away. The Galerie Wenger team will be selling delicious culinary creations. Look out for posts and announcements on Instagram...

A visit to Mühlebachstrasse 12 is definitely worthwhile!

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