

KATZ CONTEMPORARY

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PETER REGLI "FLIM FLAM"

**Opening 26 August 2010, 5 – 8 pm
27 August – 16 October 2010**

We are very pleased to show the newest *Reality Hacking* "FLIM FLAM" by Swiss artist **Peter Regli** (*1959), his first installation in a gallery space.

Reality Hacking is what Peter Regli calls the temporary interventions that he has been undertaking in public space and increasingly in institutional contexts as well since 1995. His works are reactions to places and situations. Regli stages surprises that disrupt the indifferent sameness of quotidian perception and illuminate the uniqueness of a place and a situation. Regli's pieces are as varied and unforeseeable as the places that he refers to. Some of his interventions occur unannounced, such as the "ghost ship" on Lake Zurich that suddenly lit up bright green, only to disappear in the darkness again. Others toy with the borders of visibility, such as the crystals that Regli bought from a collector to bring them back to the Alps where they are waiting to be rediscovered by hikers. Apart from temporary and ephemeral interventions, Regli also creates permanent installations. For instance, the five marble Buddhas that are placed around a tree in the atrium of an office building, and randomly start laughing twelve times a year. Regli's works are continuously numbered and archived on www.realityhacking.com.

KATZ CONTEMPORARY invited Peter Regli to create a piece for its gallery space. Nobody knows what Regli is going to do with this Carte Blanche. Only one thing is certain: The colour red is going to play an important role.

Peter Regli showed his works, among others, at the Museum Helmhaus Zurich (2007) and at Centre d'Art Neuchâtel, Switzerland. In fall, the Museum im Bellpark in Kriens dedicates the artist a solo exhibition.

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GUIDED TOUR / ART LUNCH

Friday, 17 September, 12.15 pm

Saturday, 18 September, 1.00 pm

Opening hours: Tue - Fri 11 am – 6 pm, Sat 12 – 4 pm, or by appointment