

VIPER BASEL INTERNATIONALES FESTIVAL FÜR FILM VIDEO UND NEUE MEDIEN

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Dear Inge Graf,
Dear Walter Zyx,

VIPER International Festival for Film Video and new Media is one of the world's leading festivals in the area of film video and new media: an interdisciplinary and trans-cultural platform for promoting independent film, experimental video, media art and a critical though innovative approach towards digital media. Since 1980 VIPER initiates debates on visual art and culture, attracting an international audience that seeks to examine the impact of new technologies on contemporary cultural practice.

Based in the ART CITY BASEL, home of the world-famous art fair 'Art Basel', well-known for its young and vivid gallery-scene, its Museum of Contemporary Art as well as the newly founded Schaulager - both cooperating partner-institutions of VIPER - the festival's main location is the renowned Kunsthalle Basel. Visited by a permanently growing number of world-leading artists and curators, filmmakers and producers, critics and purveyors of ideas from the media, research and politics, the VIPER exhibition, screenings, performances, presentation and conference offer an independent view on media transformation while at the same time prioritising on the social and cultural aspect.

Today, we take great pleasure in notifying you that your submission HEY YOU V.2.0 the VIPER INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION 2005 has been nominated out of over 2600 entries for one of the three renowned VIPER INTERNATIONAL AWARDS, each worth CHF 10'000. The awards will be presented on Sunday, 19 March 2006 by the International Jury.

The festival in Basel is an ideal occasion to welcome you and for you to meet with future-oriented people, innovative institutions and organisations: From Thursday, March 16 until Monday, March 20 VIPER invites the Swiss and international audience to Basel and presents on the occasion of its 25th edition with the excellent VIPER INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION selection and its INTERNATIONAL FORUM including numerous cooperation projects, an interdisciplinary overview on cutting-edge projects and ideas.

With the *Authors Forum* a meeting point for encouraging the exchange between the Swiss and international avant-garde in art and film-making will be established. With pleasure we would like to invite you to attend the festival and we would be delighted to have the opportunity to meet you personally on this occasion.

With kind regards,

Rebecca Picht
Annika Blunck
Directors VIPER