



## Norwegian artist in the National Gallery of Thailand

Last updated: 05/10/2010 // Norwegian artist Christian Wolther will open his solo exhibition 'Untitled Ocean' in the National Gallery of Thailand on the 15th of January 2011.

Christian Wolther, a 46 year old Norwegian artist, has been mostly in Thailand since 2006. He has previously had a major solo exhibition in The Museum of Art and Culture, in Khon Kaen University, where he was the Artist in Residence in 2008 and 2009. He has now been accepted into the exhibition program of The National Gallery of Thailand and will open his solo exhibition there in January 2011.

“The exhibition consists of three different departments, so to speak, meant to merge into one holistic experience”, the artist says. “The first department, is a reflection on art itself, as a medium, to see the limitations but also the potential and possibilities of art, and also on society and humanity as a whole, with the purpose of seeing how art can influence both society and humanity in a beneficial or appropriate way. Art is perhaps not enough, in itself, in modern

contemporary society, since it is always institutionalized within itself as an artwork or within the world of art, so to speak, and mere politics, is sometimes not enough in itself, either, when it comes to taking care of all the different aspects of global world society. Both ethics and esthetics within any society can be highly influenced in a beneficial way, by the knowledge and values of art. We could therefore merge our intellectual capacities together, and see how we can improve global world society by the means of the knowledge coming from art, science and philosophy, and mix this with practical politics for everyday life, in the way that we organize ourselves and constitute infrastructure and society”, says Wolther.

“The exhibition displays a wide array of text and conceptual works that reflects on this issue, how art can transcend itself and become more useful in society. The second department is new works, especially made for this exhibition. Abstract paintings, often minimalistic and nearly monochrome in expression, mixed with installation works, glass objects with text engraved, and photo and video and other installation works as well. The third department will be selected works from my previous exhibition “Reflections”, from 2009.”

The exhibition will open on Saturday the 15th of January, at 17.00 pm and will be on show until the 28th of January. For more information about the artist, go to Christian Wolther’s website:

[www.christianwolther.com](http://www.christianwolther.com).



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