

Press release

Vidya Gastaldon

Exhibition from 17th September to 7th November 2009
Opening on 17th September from 6pm in the presence of the artist

A different, liberated mysticism emanates from the work of the young French artist *Vidya Gastaldon*, who lives in Geneva. For her first collaboration with the Guy Bärtschi Gallery, she will invest the Basement with her exhibition "Apocalhipsters", composed of colourful watercolours from a particular and personal world into which the visitor is invited to enter.

Bathed since her childhood in a hippie universe with a New Age atmosphere, Vidya Gastaldon creates sculptures and watercolours that share with us her personal approach to an eclectic spirituality. Divinity, an essential component of her art, is presented throughout her compositions in the form of smileys as well as cosmic Christ, goddesses and other fantastic creatures. From the swarming of the infinitely small to the elusive immensity, Vidya Gastaldon takes us on a journey into invisible worlds where her acid colours open doors to the realm of the psychic. In her watercolours, forms dissolve in favour of colours. Their radiations penetrate the viewer, inviting him to perceive an energy, vibrations emanating from what she herself describes as "landscapes of love".