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Press release

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From 15 July to 7 August 2011

Curators Nadine Erpelding, Stina Fisch

Mudam invites designer Thomas Pausz for a series of open air activities throughout the summer. Pausz treats his design practice like a garden from which participants are invited to collect what has been sown during shared experiences. Pausz acts softly, his means are economic and ecological. A slow pace and a sense of community are at the center of his activity programme spread across several intra and extra-muros sites.

For Thomas Pausz (*1978), design is not limited to the formal conception of functional objects: design is a journey towards a product, an open process to which everybody can contribute. Pausz' design practice does not aim for results that are sleek and consumable, it is orientated towards experience, communication and interaction, that grows from and between the participants. His design work follows the principles of Enzo Mari's *Autoprogettazione* (translated as self-design): a free catalogue with detailed instructions for making easy-to-assemble furniture pieces. Pausz' *Open Design* interrupts the industrial chain of production, which purposefully leads from conception to manufacture and on to marketing, and introduces moments of evaluation of the different steps. Reformulating the various steps encourages a questioning on ecology, deceleration and collective making.

Nature's garden is not only explored as a metaphor, as Pausz literally picks from nature: he selects plants and herbs after seeking local knowledge on their properties and found some use for them in his projects. Whether making soap with herbal essences or making ink with natural colorants, the projects here developed by Thomas Pausz for Mudam and introduced under the name *Hortus Praxis*, allow each participant to experience and to contribute to the production process of everyday objects.

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PROGRAMME

OPENING OF HORTUS PRAXIS

14/07/2011, 6pm - 8pm, Mudam

For the opening of *Hortus Praxis* Thomas Pausz spins a soap-making-station, an ice-making-station producing sorbet flavoured with herbs from the garden and his collection of vinyls.

HORTUS PRAXIS OPEN DAYS

16/07 & 17/07, 23/07 & 24/07, 30/07 & 31/07, 06/08 & 07/08/2011

11am - 6pm, Mudam

Hortus Praxis is a structure for exchange of local knowledge, open to the public. Stroll in the garden, participate in a production, grow.

HERBARIUM / PHYTOCHROMOGRAPHY

23/07 & 24/07/2011, 2pm - 5pm, Mudam

Thomas Pausz researches alternative inks by juicing colour from plants and flowers. This process is called phytochromography. Pausz gets back to the mystery and excitement of the print process, producing a herbarium from colours made from lupinus, quercus, sambucus, genista tinctoria...

Special guest: Phil Shaw

KIRA KIRA / KONZERT - PERFORMANCE

29/07/2011, 6.30pm, Mudam

Within the framework of *Hortus Praxis*, Thomas Pausz invites Kira Kira. Between trees and plants, the icelandic artist and musician will give a soft concert-performance: beautifully strange and dreamy. She will be accompanied by trumpet player Eiríkur Orri Ólafsson.

ART FREAK SOCIAL DESIGN / BY THOMAS PAUSZ AND KIRA KIRA

28/07 - 30/07/2011, 2pm - 5pm, Mudam / Art Freak (teens 12-19)

Before being a product, design is an activity. For the designer Thomas Pausz, this activity is above all collective, committed and shared. While introducing the various elements he has conceived for the project *Hortus Praxis* in the park around Mudam, Thomas will reveal the secret of hammock making. As a lullaby for a long siesta in a hammock, Icelandic musician Kira Kira will perform a concert amongst the trees. A real summer project that will give you ideas for two long months of rest...

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SELF-DESIGN CHAT

03/08/2011, 6.30pm, Mudam

Talk by Thomas Pausz, ideally under blue skies.