

GITLER & _____ PRESENTS

TIRTZAH BASSEL
DUCT TAPE MIAMI

**A DURATIONAL PERFORMANCE INSTALLATION
IN RESPONSE TO ART BASEL MIAMI BEACH**

DECEMBER 4-8, 2013
507 ESPAÑOLA WAY
MIAMI BEACH, FL 33139

Gallery & Performance Hours:

Wednesday, December 4: 4 – 8 PM | Performance: 6 – 7 PM
Thursday, December 5: 2 – 8 PM | Performance: 6 – 7 PM
Friday, December 6: 12 – 6 PM | Performance: 4 – 5 PM
Saturday December 7: 4 – 8 PM | Performance: 6 – 7 PM
Sunday December 8: 11 AM – 4 PM | Performance: 12 – 1 PM



Miami, FL (November 25, 2013) Gitler & _____ is proud to present *Duct Tape Miami*, a durational performance installation mapping the visual culture of Art Basel Miami Beach (ABMB) by Israeli-American artist Tirtzah Bassel. From December 4-8, 2013, Bassel will conduct a visual inquiry of the fair, exploring ABMB, and weaving composite vistas of the fair's choreography and architectonics at a nearby pop-up location.

For *Duct Tape Miami*, Bassel, a classically trained oil painter applies her painterly sensibilities to duct tape, a seemingly mundane and utilitarian choice of medium. The duct tape serves literally as Bassel's creative agent while figuratively implying something precarious, a tentative situation: desire, a potential purchase and the fair's nomadic nature. *Duct Tape Miami* is Bassel's seventh duct tape installation, and a continuation of her spatial exploration of our contemporary agora.

During performance hours, Bassel will invite passersby to enter the installation and observe her as she creates a fused panorama responding to the fair's impact: How do the convention center and its booths affect our movements and interactions? How do they affect us psychologically? Can art still engage us in extended looking? Can we slow down, shift away from the quickening pace of social media, commerce and transaction to the meditative, pondering pace of art looking and reflection? *Duct Tape Miami* will unfold as a visual narrative of Art Basel Miami Beach 2013, a montage of its personal impacts and historical effects and an original performance in homage to the fair itself.

About the Artist

Tirtzah Bassel is an Israeli artist based in New York. Her drawings, paintings and site-responsive duct tape installations explore the permeable borders separating public and private domains. Her work has been exhibited in Israel, Europe and the United States. Tirtzah studied drawing and painting at the Jerusalem Studio School in Israel and holds an MFA from Boston University. She is the recipient of a number of fellowships and currently serves as a resident artist of the Chashama Visual Arts Program in Brooklyn. www.tirtzahbassel.com.

About Gitler & _____

Gitler & _____ is an independent art consultancy dedicated to showcasing rising artists from around the world. Founded and curated by Avi Gitler, Gitler & _____ seeks out talent through chance and word-of-mouth, moving in between genres to identify original craftsmen and visionaries who may not otherwise be brought to market. Gitler & _____ brings these pieces to light through pop-up galleries and private viewings in its New York City showroom. www.gitlerand.com

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