

## P R E S S R E L E A S E

### **“Unity” / Photographs from the Visual Diary of Artist-Couple Nabiha Dahhan and Thom on Exhibit at Gruner + Jahr Pressehaus Starting March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Gruner + Jahr's Galerie 11 presents 300 photographs from “Unity,” a self-portrait photography project by the artist-couple Nabiha Dahhan and Thom. Since the couple first met in 1997, a camera has been their constant companion in all the various situations and moods of their everyday life.

The immediacy of the situations – whether on vacation or brushing teeth –, the intimate atmosphere, and the constantly changing facial expressions of the two protagonists give rise to a complex, unsparingly straightforward series of images. As a multi-layered documentary of a couple in constant metamorphosis, the visual diary is striking for its experimental treatment of blurring, colors and details. A deliberate snapshot aesthetic, as used e.g. by the internationally renowned photographer Nan Goldin, also contributes to capturing the various moods.

For Nabiha Dahhan and Thom, the fascination lies in the concept of “self,” one's own personality, as a lifelong process of change. “The assumption that a person always remains the same doesn't do justice to human life. Of course, ‘Unity’ is a more intense look at the process of change,” explains Nabiha Dahhan.

Nabiha Dahhan, born in Würzburg in 1976, studied Visual Communications at Bielefeld Polytechnic and Photographic and Digital Arts at London's University of Westminster. She first began working in the field of self-portraits during her studies. Today she lives and works as a freelance photographer in Bremen and Hamburg. Thom was born as Thomas Kolodziej in Kattowitz, Poland in 1974 and has worked with Nabiha Dahhan since 1997.

Gruner + Jahr established Galerie 11 in 1998, to give young photographers an opportunity to present their work to the general public and trade professionals at the Pressehaus in Hamburg. The result is a forum for artistic photography that has become one of Hamburg's recognized institutions for exhibitions.

Exhibition dates: Mar 10 – May 2, 2006

“Unity” – a Photography Project by Nabiha Dahhan and Thom  
at Galerie 11 in the Gruner + Jahr Pressehaus, Am Baumwall 11, 20459 Hamburg  
Opening hours: Wed through Sun 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and by appointment,  
admission is free of charge

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