

Dear friends,

It is with great pleasure that Gent Jazz Festival and Zebrastraat invite you to the official opening of the exhibition: **“The Art of The Obsessions Collective”**.

The opening will be held on Thursday **20 June at 7pm** in the **Zebrastraat** in **Ghent**.

On Sunday 14 July **Gent Jazz Festival** will focus entirely on the sixtieth birthday of **John Zorn**, one of the most influential composers and jazz musicians of our time. Under the title **“Zorn at 60”**, **John Zorn** will present different projects that reflect the diverse musical facets of his career. However, Zorn is not only a creative force and inspiration in the world of music: in 2010 he created **“The Obsessions Collective”**, a collective for visual artists.

This art collective provides passionate, driven artists with a platform and offers them support to promote themselves and their work outside of the commercial scene. The members of the collective practise a wide range of art forms: photography, video art, drawing, painting,.. Their motto *“Art Can Heal The World”*, is definitely one we can subscribe to.

In collaboration with **Zebrastraat**, and with the support of the **Liedts-Meesen Foundation**, **Gent Jazz Festival** is the first to bring this collective to Europe.

The “Obsessions Collective” exhibition runs from **21 June to 28 July 2013**, from Wednesday to Sunday, from 2 pm to 6 pm.

Programme opening “The Art of The Obsessions Collective”

7pm Welcome and reception

7:30 pm Introduction by Jan Hoet and curator Dany Vandebossche

Until 9pm Reception and opportunity to visit the exhibition

Please confirm your attendance and the number of attendees **before 16 June** (mieke@zebrastraat.be).

We hope to see you at the opening and wish you a pleasant evening.

With kind regards,

The Gent Jazz Festival team

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