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## Ellen von Unwerth, Les Bains Celebrate Short Film

The film is to accompany the launch of L'Eau de Cologne Les Bains Guerbois.

By [Loren Falkow](#) on September 15, 2010



**MAKING A SPLASH:** *Ellen von Unwerth* and *Jens-Peter Marold* hosted a dinner at Les Bains on Wednesday night. The occasion was to celebrate von Unwerth's new short film that was shot at the legendary Paris club to accompany the launch of L'Eau de Cologne Les Bains Guerbois.

The four-minute satirical film will be posted on Les Bains' Web site and on YouTube (with a 75-second version shared by social networks.) It depicts QC, a young woman and the "wolves of desire" in several parts of Les Bains including a suite and the pool. The night spot reopened last year after four years of renovations with 39 hotel rooms, a restaurant, a club and a concept store.

"We shot downstairs, upstairs, everywhere. It's called 'Release the Beast' That's what you got to do when you come to the Bains Douches. It's not publicity, just a short movie," said the photographer, who was sporting a *Black Saint Laurent*. "It's vintage Saint Laurent if you can say so, it's two-year-old," she teased.

"I was really shy because she's a big photographer," said Sigismond Ostrowski, who portrays the hotel's front desk clerk. Ostrowski who played in *Boyz n the City* and *Grubbs* said the shoot at Les Bains was a bit "difficult" due to unexpected guests. "It was a three-day shoot but we did it in four hours. And we had [Domen] president of France [Vladimir Girardin] of [Entel]. He was having an interview downstairs. If he saw the dogs, he might have a heart attack and then Grace Jones' manager wanted to use the pool."

Von Unwerth has a book in the works. It's published by Taschen and slated to come out in two months. "It's a special project, about Helmut, which is fatherland. I'll release the first picture on my Instagram tomorrow," she said.

Concocted by Michael Assoulin, L'Eau de Cologne Les Bains Guerbois pays tribute to the place's beginnings as a luxury bathhouse in 1966, when it was called Les Bains Guerbois. It features notes of ginger, patchouli and amber and is priced at 120 euros, \$138 at current exchange. It's available at Les Bains, the concept store across the street and at Le Bon Marché department store, where it is part of the Paris-themed current exhibition.

Guests at a dinner also included Elie Top, Catherine Baba and Yac Eskay. Top is a happy jewelry designer, Michelle Obama appears on the October cover of *InStyle* magazine wearing his creations. "She's an absolute lion," Top exclaimed.

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