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INSTINKT

Simon Nelke

The future of the medium of painting and its significance is repeatedly questioned in the contemporary art scene. If you look at the works of Simon Nelke, you quickly see the great, innovative potential that still lies in this traditional artistic technique and the extremely important status that painting still has today.

Under the title Instinkt, the Hamburg artist, who is now well-known beyond Germany's borders, has created new works that challenge the viewer to sharpen their gaze.

Simon Nelke does not present any final content or answers in his paintings; rather, he encourages you to discover your own, very individual truth in the pictures.

This complex and intuitive approach is reflected in the technique. Layer by layer, new layers are applied or removed. There is tearing and scratching, spraying and wiping, precise drawing, but also large-scale painting with an expressive gesture across the canvas or paper.

The materials and motifs are as varied as the application of paint. In Nelke's current paintings, they are no longer primarily limited to the figure, but increasingly also show landscape and animal motifs, often leaving figurative painting behind.

This expressive approach creates a blurriness that already characterizes his early portraits with a certain universality in their respective expression and also creates a distance in the current motifs that allows the viewer to find a very personal approach to the respective subject.

Simon Nelke was born in Hamburg in 1982. In 2011 he completed his studies at the Free Art School in Hamburg as a master student of Wolfgang Genoux. His works are shown nationally and internationally in galleries and at trade fairs, including in Cologne, Frankfurt, Copenhagen and Vienna. The artist lives and works in Hamburg.

Exhibition INSTINKT, curated by Galerie Schimming, Hamburg
Location: Jungfrauenthal 4, Hamburg, opening evening: September 5, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Exhibition duration: September 6 to November 9, 2024
Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

About Galerie Schimming:
Founded in 2003, Galerie Schimming shows various positions in modern contemporary art in changing solo and group exhibitions at two locations in Hamburg and maintains close contact with a curated selection of up-and-coming and established German and international artists.
The focus of the gallery program is on works in the field of current fine art; from the New Leipzig School to Pop Art. With a focus on representational painting, the gallery concept is thematically complemented by abstract, photographic, and works from sculpture and object art. The gallery provides advice on purchasing works of art and building collections.
In addition to the gallery, the Kunstclub Hamburg offers all interested art collectors and art lovers a varied insight into the art scene through a variety of events.
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