Group Exhibition

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An exhibition by the lecturers of the Art Institute Municipal gallery "Villa Streccius", Landau/Germany 1 February to 15 March 2020



the relationship between outside and inside, between permanent and fragile. In a few coloured drawings the floating object appears in a different medium and allows us to trace the evolution of the installation.

Mare Fritzsche, professor of art education, stages the complex relationship between human and space. Four angles projected onto the floor from the ceiling seem to define a virtual space, a White Cube marked by light. Meanwhile in the anteroom a hand-carved, red-painted male figure is rotating around on its own axis. Thereby constantly performing the concept of a "human looking at a cubic space" on its square base. Here Fritzsche explores the potential of the highest possible compression, striving for a reduction to the limit of loss of expression.



Observations of his environment, of passers-by, friends and people close to him are the starting point of Rainer Steve Kaufmann's works. The university teacher for painting, drawing and media seeks to captur the ephemeral in his large paintings, showing frozen moments in a some times almost impressionistic impetus. In his painting process a first, as yet unformed layer, is refined with more and more layers of paint until a matrix emerges that calls for figurative



concretion. Subsequently Kaufmann assembles graphic and photographic figure studies to create his own pictorial world, sometimes poetic, sometimes melancholic, sometimes uncanny. Moments of human interaction combine to form a kaleidoscope of looks, gestures and postures. Like Edward Hopper, Kaufmann is a parrator who consistently refuses nagration

In the artworks of Lucia Dominguez-Madeira, teaching painting at the Landau Institute, viewers are referred to the material legacies of man. In a seemingly naive folding perspective, one looks at laid tables that could exist in any bourgeois living room. In "Banana vs. Ceramics", the fruit is juxtaposed with a phalanx of ceramic objects, which look



threatening and block access to the other half of the table. Instead of the harmonious coexistence of fruit and ceramic containers in the classical still life, an opposition is staged here. Sometimes reminiscent of David Hockney's

still lifes, the objects surrounding

people in Dominguez-Madeira

seem to develop a surreal life of



The leitmotif of the positions shown here by the lecturers of the Art Institute is that of the human being, its everyday life and environment, even in those cases in which seeming ly none of this takes shape. Equally important to all those involved is the tension between calculated artistic work on the one hand and the admission of chance on the other. The desired effect of contingency, which influences and changes the works, always includes the reactions of the recipients in their confrontation with what they see.

Ekaterini Kepetzis Professor of art history

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Some thoughts on figure and space

The works of the eight artists represented in this exhibition are showing most individual highlights. Confronting the viewer with a variety of artistic temperaments, themes and techniques, while at the same time showing the lively art landscape and contemporary art represented in Landau.

Like Alice down the rabbit hole, the viewers plunge into the wonderland of Ana Laibach, lecturer for painting and drawing. The relatively small room has been lined with long strips of inlustrial paper on which she painted stylized everyday motifs in ink. "Almost like at home" is the apparently succinct title, and indeed, the viewer strolls past the painted bathroom and kitchen, ascinated by a drawn bookshelf with classic titles like Ovid's Metamorphoses or Don Quixote.



However, the calligraphic black and white of the pictures is broken up by small-format paintings on which the abysmal is taking place: A supposedly contemplative landscape picture shows the Philippsburg nuclear power plant, which was shut down on 31.12.2019. The portrait "Hermann. Is not he the one you want to forget?" suddenly confronts with a portrait of Hitler and the German trauma buried under a supposed suburban idyll. The perfidiousness and the present, wallowing in lies, is thus not faded out, but is an

Karin Flurer-Brünger, master ceramist and teacher, has been a lecturer in the field of ceramics at the institute since 1997. Her artistic works emerge from the tension between the control of material and technology and the coincidence of the process, for example when the colour of her carefully formed vessels changes from

ever-present counter-image to Laibach's fantastic figures, which

animate the walls and the radio diaries laid out for reading.



white to metallically iridescent black after ten days in the embers of a charcoal pile. The results of such a "black fire" are presented in the exhibition on high pedestals and are reminiscent of an archaic field of stelae or African masks that seem to float deceptively filigree above their pedestals.



Tina Stolt, Professor of Fine Art Practice, captivates the viewer with a longitudinally rectangular tableau that almost fills the entire wall. Veiled in a semi-transparent gauze, details of the individual pictures remain hidden. What can be seen are female figures, torsos, fragmented bodies standing, floating or falling in indefinable spaces. The irreality of these softly coloured worlds, mostly created in acrylic, which sometimes defy the laws of physics, is reminiscent of works by Francis Bacon, Lucian Freud or the work of the artist Maria Lassnig who died in Vienna in 2014.



The female body, a cipher for the human being for the artist, also appears again and again in Stolt's graphic works. The nuanced aquatint etchings are created in a long process in a confrontation between control and the influence of chance. Here, too, the recipients are confronted with fragmented, interlocking spaces. By the artist's renunciation of the most expressive parts of the body - face and hands - the viewers are left with their own interpretations as they pass by the large tableau or get close to the prints.



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Karin as a lecturer

Teaching to students for more than 20 years at Landau University/Germany



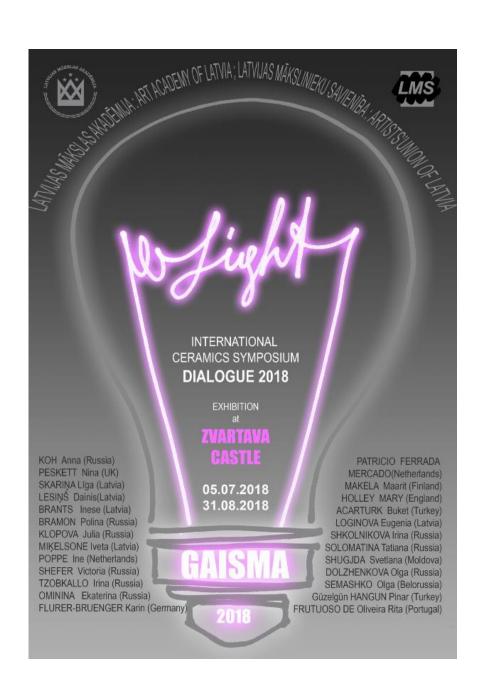
Workshops and Symposia worldwide







A workshop with former children soldiers. Kananga, Kasai. Dem. Rep. of Congo, 2005







Zvartava/Riga, Latvia, 2018