

Press Release

POP OUT : Copenhagen Danish German Art Week

Warehouse 9, The Brown Meat Packing District, Opposite Øksnehallen, Halmtorvet 13, Copenhagen

24. - 29. August 2009 Opening: Monday 24th August 2009 at 8 pm opening hours Mo – Sat 11 am – 7 pm

The main focus of „POP OUT: Copenhagen“ is the art of twelve artists of Berlin, Copenhagen, Dresden, Leipzig, and New York. Not only is the diversity of the media like painting, drawing, sculpture, installation and video attractive in the exhibition, but also the different subjects and ideas of the artists. POP OUT does not only transport the meaning of a short moving out, but more so that we meet, enrich and exchange between national borders. That international exchange in an artistic, social and amicable way is an essential motivation for this Danish – German exhibition.

The polarity of the shown paintings are between abstract (Sonomi Kobayashi, Udo Klenner) and figurative (Claudia Hauptmann, Coco Electra), cumbersome (Michael Illo) and poetic, trashy and filigree, but they are always mysterious, enigmatic, narrative, humorous and especially animated. Whether it be the aesthetically shellac-beer-paintings of Metulczki, the symbolic paintings of Morten Blyme, or the humorous drawings of Sebastian Osterhaus, the viewer is always challenged and inspired. The filigree-philosophic wire-sculptures of Bettina Lüdicke and the weird-surrealistic sculptures of Hakon Danielsen revive the room and represent two contrary and strong positions on the sculptural platform. In searching new possibilities to represent human skin, and flesh tones, Enrico Niemann developed his special technique of foils-painting. His unique installations live through the material, overlays, and the different possible subjective associations like the neurological-biological reference to the human being, and last but not least the light. Ronald Gerber shows in his video „Spiegelpyramide“ three very different types of artists coming together to make one special piece of art. Each part being a logical next step on their way: a 'mirror pyramid'. The three artists will speak about this process for 40 minutes. (In German with English subtitles)

On two evenings (Wednesday and Friday) we offer an artistTALK with a Danish and a German artist. Both artists will be introduced, tell about their way of working, inspirations, developments and answer questions of the guests. On Wednesday, August the 26th, at 8 pm the artists will be the Norwegian born sculptor and painter Hakon Danielsen, and Enrico Niemann of Berlin. On Friday, August the 28th, at 8 pm meet the two painters Morten Blyme of Copenhagen, and Metulczki of Leipzig. The possibility of translation exists.

We would be pleased to welcome you at the newly opened rooms of Warehouse 9, opposite the Oksnehallen, Halmtorvet 13 in Copenhagen!! The opening hours of the exhibition are Monday – Saturday 11 am to 7 pm. You are cordially invited to the opening on Monday, August the 24th at 8 pm, the artistTALKs and the Party on Saturday, 29th August!

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Künstler der Ausstellung:

Morten Blyme (Copenhagen), **Hakon Danielsen** (Copenhagen), **Coco Electra** (Copenhagen), **Ronald Gerber** (Leipzig), **Claudia Hauptmann** (Berlin), **Michael Illo** (Copenhagen), **Sonomi Kobayashi** (New York), **Udo Klenner** (Berlin), **Bettina Lüdicke** (Berlin), **Metulczki** (Leipzig), **Enrico Niemann** (Berlin), **Sebastian Osterhaus** (Dresden).