



XUAN WANG. Painted

Painting on paper

11 September to 30 October 2020

Vernissage: Friday, September 11, 2020, 5-9 pm.

Due to corona-related access restrictions, there will be short introductions by art historian Veronika Schöne at 5, 6, 7 and 8 p.m. We ask you to spread out over the afternoon and evening.

The works of the Chinese artist Xuan Wang (born 1979) are dedicated to questions of image and reality as well as tradition and modernity. The acrylic paintings on paper in the manner of the old masters are full of familiar quotations: Styles and motifs from classical European art history meet an Asian-Indian aesthetic. In his works, executed with a hair-thin brush, high art motifs intertwine with everyday objects to form still-life-like miniatures. Their surreal character is essentially fed by the contrast between the careful hyper-realistic painting style and the alogic structure of the picture. Paintings literally melt away, sculptures dissolve and motifs blur. These peculiarly deformed works of art stand in spaces between furniture, animals, and plants that obviously belong to a different reality, but are also simply painted. Xuan Wang's play with different realities thus becomes a mirror of globalized visual worlds in which different traditions and cultures meet.

Born shortly after the Chinese Cultural Revolution in 1979, Xuan Wang first studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Nanning (Guangxi, China) before moving to the Academy of Fine Arts Karlsruhe in 2005, where he became a master student of Prof. Erwin Gross in 2010/11. Like his teacher, he is interested in history, finding his models in the art history of the Middle Ages, the Renaissance and Romanticism, yet he paints in a completely different way. In 2012 he receives a scholarship from the Graduate Funding of the State of Baden-Württemberg, in 2014 one from the Art Foundation Baden-Württemberg. His works have been presented to the public in numerous exhibitions since 2007, in 2019 at the Lan Space Art Center, Beijing, China (together with Kaitong Zhang), the Galerie der Stadt Tuttlingen and the Galerie Valentien, Stuttgart, among others.

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