Vivian Greven



<, 2018, oil and acryl on MDF, 56 x 31 cm / 22,05 x 12,2 in.

Biography

Born in 1985 in Bonn Lives and works in Düsseldorf

Exhibitions (Selection)

2018	a m o r e , Aurel Scheibler, Berlin Ekstase, Kunstmuseum Stuttgart Classic Beauty, Providence College Galleries, USA Dead Eden, Lyles & King, New York L'esule e le Grazie, Soyuz Project Space, Pescara, IT
2017	Akademie, KIT – Kunst im Tunnel, Düsseldorf GRAZIA, Aurel Scheibler, Berlin Eyes Wide Shut, STRABAG Kunstforum, Vienna
	A Painter's Doubt: Painting & Phenomenology,
	Salzburger Kunstverein, Salzburg
2016	140 Jahre WZ, Westdeutsche Zeitung, Düsseldorf
	Ghost, mit Natascha Schmitten, Setareh Gallery, Düsseldorf
	False Head, Galerie Thomas Fuchs, Stuttgart
	Strabag Artaward International 2016,
	Strabag Kunstforum, Vienna
	Die große Kunstausstellung NRW, Museum
	Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf
2015	Ping Pong, Sittarder Straße, Düsseldorf
	Young Positions, Galerie Heinz Holtmann, Köln
	Genius Loci III, Setareh Gallery, Düsseldorf
	Malerei, jetzt, KIT, Düsseldorf
	Künstler sammeln, Akademie Galerie, Düsseldorf
2014	Diana, Galerie Thomas Fuchs, Stuttgart
	German Kleinformat, Kunstverein Koelnberg, Cologne
	Secret Land, Orangerie Schloss Rheda,
	Rheda-Wiedenbrück
	NODISCO, Projektraum Sammlung Philara, Düsseldorf
2013	German Kleinformat, Lateral Art Space, Cluj
	Die große Kunstausstellung NRW, Museum
	Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf



Unda, 2018, oil and acrylic on canvas, 130 x 110 cm / 23,62 x 23,62 in.

Vivian Grevens's young artistic work is a tribute to the canon of art history, and through precise observation, she examines traditional pictorial phenomena, motives and perspectives.

Based on the digital images of sculpture, Greven observes detailed fragments, which she blows up, brings into focus, and transfers to painting. This practice means a double revision of the artwork: on the one hand, there is a mimetical shift from the three-dimensional original sculpture, over the digital reproduction, to the two-dimensional painting; on the other hand, the arthistorical shift of the phenomenological connotations throughout the centuries.

The counterparts – digital vs. analogue – are not a random choice, for Greven analyses their socio-philosophical meaning beyond the sensory perception of these poles.

It is her inner concern – to counteract the contemporary loss of eroticism. Through the painting, she creates a living surface that challenges the covetous gaze and leads the viewer through its graceful haptic back to his instinct to touch. There is a sensual tension between the painting and the viewer rising up at this moment. The observer, invited to the voyeuristic gaze, is often surprised by its longing response, for this lively skin seems to utter: "I would like to be touched" and thus can almost flirtingly revert the historical conventions of the active gaze to the painted passive body