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Antonio Ballester Moreno

ANTONIO BALLESTER MORENO

Antonio Ballester Moreno (born 1977, Madrid) lives and works in Madrid.

Selected solo exhibitions include 'Not There - Here' at Galerie Urs Meile, Zurich; Água (verde), Gomide&Co, São Paulo in 2025; 'THE MOUNTAIN, THE SKY, THE WIND, THE SKY. ' at Tanya Leighton, Berlin in 2024; 'Nubes (verde)' at Maisterravalbuena, Madrid in 2023; 'What Can Be Seen From Here' at Fundación Cerezales Antonino y Cinia, León and 'ANOTHER DAY' at Tanya Leighton, Los Angeles in 2022; 'Autoconstrucción. Piezas Sueltas. Juego y Experiencia' at ARTIUM – Basque Museum of Contemporary Art, Vitoria and 'DAY' at Tanya Leighton, Berlin in 2021; 'Ánfora, grotesco, armazón, maniquí' at Museo Patio Herreriano, Valladolid in 2019; and La Casa Encendida, Madrid in 2017 which was accompanied by his first comprehensive monograph, '¡Vivan los campos libres de España!'. He also curated part of the 33rd Bienal de São Paulo in 2019.

His works are held in numerous public and private collections internationally, including CIFO – Colección Ella Fontanals Cisneros, Miami; TBA21 – Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary, Madrid; Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid; Helga de Alvear Collection, Cáceres; Banco de España Collection, Madrid; Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Castilla, Léon; Olbricht Collection, Berlin, and CA2M – Centro de Arte Dos de Mayo, Madrid.

Antonio Ballester Moreno in his studio Photo by Robert Ruiz





Ballester Moreno has cultivated a distinctive visual language inspired by the symbolism of nature. Elements such as stars, the sun, vegetation, and water appear in vivid hues of red, blue, green, and yellow. His work evokes a world of primary colors and childlike forms, where raw materials like unprocessed jute contribute to an aesthetic marked by austere shapes and unique beauty.

> Antonio Ballester Moreno *Red Blue*, 2025 Acrylic on jute 130×97 cm 51½x38¼ in Unique (MORENO-2025-0084) €18,000.00 (+ tax)

Although rooted in abstraction, his work resonates with traditions of patternmaking, craft, and folkloric culture, all deeply connected to the natural world. At its core, this body of work represents the artist's sustained meditation on the physicality of nature, expressed through radically simplified forms. It offers a contemporary take on landscape painting as a contemplative object.

Antonio Ballester Moreno *Red Green Blue*, 2025 Acrylic on jute 130×97 cm 511⁄s×38¼ in Unique (MORENO-2025-0085) € 18,000.00 (+ tax)





"Whether through the works' strippeddown shapes or the puckish literalism of their titles, the artist has seemingly limited how far viewers are meant to get by merely deciphering individual elements. Could the sun cast a shadow across the plain? From one vantage, maybe, but not from the next. This, I suspect, is Ballester Moreno's game - one in which his formal evasions prompt us to give chase, even if the associations and recombinations of all these partial views leave us with no stable reading at their end, assuming there is an end to be found. 'We move through the landscape,' Stewart cautions, 'it does not move through us."

> -Ari Níelsson *Frieze*

Antonio Ballester Moreno *Red Pink Blue*, 2025 Acrylic on jute 130×97 cm 51½×38¼ in Unique (MORENO-2025-0086) € 18,000.00 (+ tax)

Antonio Ballester Moreno Installation view, 'THE MOUNTAIN, THE SKY, THE WIND, THE SKY.' Tanya Leighton, Berlin. 6 July – 15 September 2024

Amrita Dhillon

AMRITA DHILLON

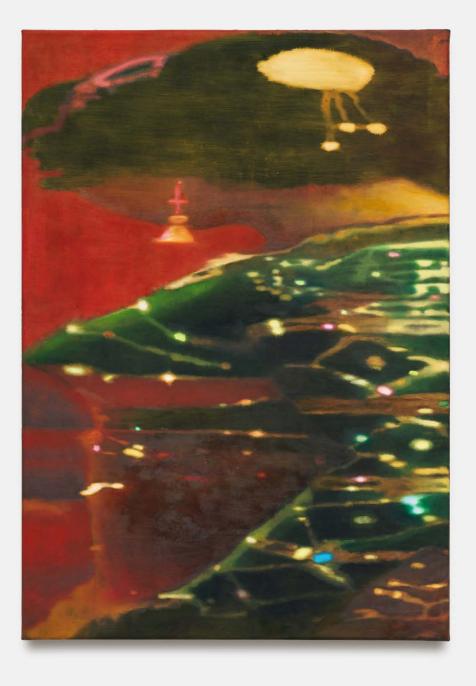
Amrita Dhillon (born in New Delhi) lives and works in Berlin. She studied history at Bard College in New York and Berlin, followed by fine arts at the Universität der Künste Berlin in the class of Thilo Heinzmann.

Dhillon presented her first duo exhibition 'Things Fall Apart' at the Dorothea Konwiarz Stiftung, Berlin in 2024. Her work has been included in group exhibitions at Buero Wolff Jordan, Berlin; Kunstverein Ulm; Kunstquartier Bethanien, Berlin; Werkhalle Wiesenburg, Berlin; Karl Oskar Gallery, Berlin; Kunsthaus Tacheles, Berlin; and Raum Linksrechts, Hamburg.

Her first solo exhibition at Tanya Leighton, Berlin, will open in July 2025.



Amrita Dhillon in her studio Photo by Luis Brott



Based on a fleeting still from Chitralekha (1964), a Hindi historical drama exploring the tension between spiritual renunciation and sensual desire, this work centers on a woman turned away from the viewer, evoking the Romantic Rückenfigur. Her averted posture invites projection while resisting identification, drawing attention to cinema's role in rendering women as objects of spectacle. Her anonymity shifts the viewer's gaze toward the shimmering costume jewelry and sequins, exposing a cultural fixation on surface over subject. Painted on synthetic suede, a material with its own theatrical sheen and ersatz allure, the image mimics the cheap glamour it critiques. The paint pools unpredictably on the surface, heightening the tension between artificial beauty and the obscured figure beneath.

> Amrita Dhillon Tread Lightly, 2025 Oil on synthetic suede 100×70 cm 39%x27½ in Unique (DHILLON-2025-0004) € 3,400.00 (+ tax)

Amrita Dhillon *Tread Lightly*, 2025 Detail This painting, inspired by a film still from the 1954 film *Biraj Bahu*, depicts the protagonist's dancing feet as she sings of her devotion to her husband. By focusing intimately on her feet, the work invokes the layered symbolic meanings they hold in Indian culture – subservience, strength, sacred honor, familial duty, and sacrifice.



Amrita Dhillon *Untitled*, 2025 Oil on velvet 50×40 cm 19¾x15¾ in Unique (DHILLON-2025-0002) € 2,000.00 (+ tax)

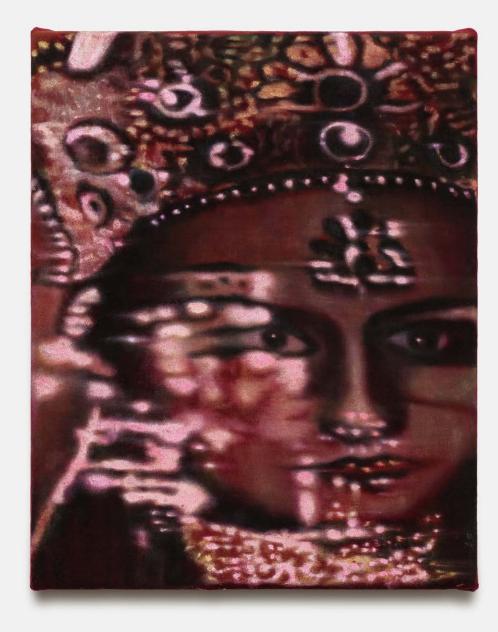


The work *Cold Shoulder* draws on a still from *Pyaasa* (1957), depicting a woman compelled to perform in order to care for her child. Captured from a fleeting moment during her dance, the image shows her with her back turned to the viewer – a subtle yet powerful gesture of withdrawal. The painting honors this quiet act of refusal, offering a space of dignity within a narrative of exploitation.

> Amrita Dhillon *Cold shoulder*, 2025 Oil on velvet 50×40 cm 19¾×15¾ in Unique (DHILLON-2025-0003) € 2,000.00 (+ tax)

Amrita Dhillon *Cold shoulder*, 2025 Detail Based on a still from the 1963 film *Taj Mahal*, this painting similarly examines how women have historically been cast as pawns within marriage and patriarchal power structures. In this close-up, the woman's face dissolves into abstraction as her jewelry and the surrounding lights merge – her identity rendered unstable and precarious. The velvet surface, with its light-absorbing pile, transforms the image into a dreamlike, volatile field where surface and subject blur, echoing the fragility of representation itself.

Amrita Dhillon *Things fall apart*, 2025 Oil on velvet $50 \times 40 \text{ cm}$ $19^{3}4 \times 15^{3}4 \text{ in}$ Unique (DHILLON-2025-0001) € 2,000.00 (+ tax)



Amrita Dhillon *Things fall apart*, 2025 Detail T. West

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Adrian Geller

ADRIAN GELLER

Adrian Geller (born 1997, Basel) lives and works in Normandy. He studied at the Beaux-Arts de Paris.

Recent solo exhibitions include 'Meine Weltlandschaft' at Tanya Leighton, Berlin in 2025, 'APARTE' at Super Dakota, Brussels in 2024; 'Cloudburst' at François Ghebaly, Los Angeles in 2023; and 'Warping Lines' at Capsule, Shanghai in 2021. His work has been part of group exhibitions at Perrotin, Paris; Capsule, Venice; Galerie Richard Rogers, Château La Coste; 1969 Gallery, New York; Zeyrek Çinili Hamam, Istanbul; Villa Noailles, Marseille; Beaux Arts de Paris; and AMG Bucharest.

Geller's work is included in the permanent collections of Yuz Museum, Shanghai; X Museum, Beijing; Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas; and Sander Collection, Darmstadt.



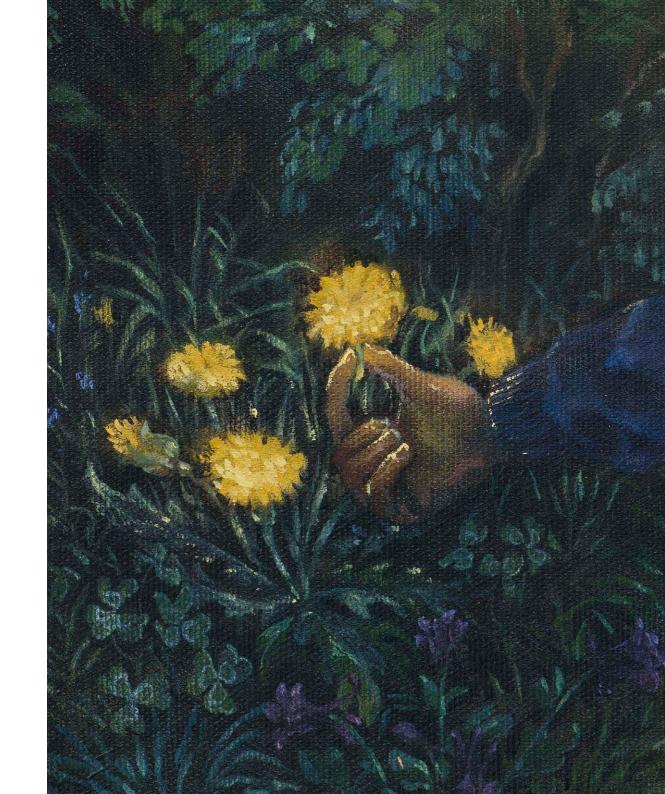
Portrait of Adrian Geller Photo by Adriaan Hauwaert



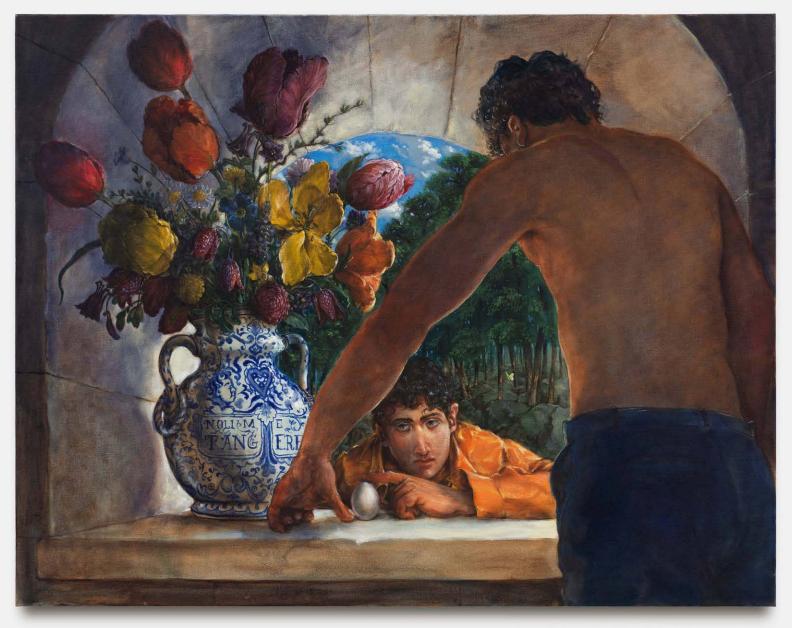
Adrian Geller *Picking Flowers*, 2025 Oil on canvas 50×60 cm 19³/₄×23⁵/₉ in Unique (GELLER-2025-0016) € 15,500.00 (+tax)

In his expansive, emotionally resonant paintings, Geller constructs imagined worlds where nature and the human psyche are intimately entangled. His paintings are at once luminous and unsettling: meticulously rendered yet filled with symbols and moments that resist resolution. His compositions evoke a longing for a more symbiotic relationship between humans and the natural world, one that feels increasingly out of reach. Figures dissolve into landscapes, gaze back at the viewer, or appear suspended in moments of quiet revelation. Through these constructed realities, Geller confronts us with our own detachment from the environments we inhabit. At a time marked by environmental and sociological uncertainty, Geller offers a vision that is both haunting and tender. His paintings compel us to question what we consider natural and to reimagine the landscapes, internal and external, that shape our lives.



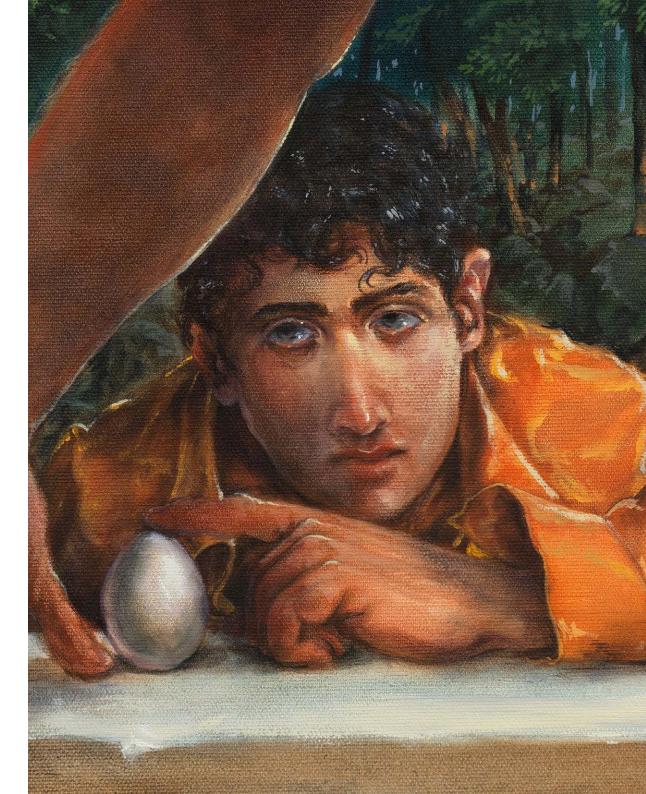


Adrian Geller *Picking Flowers*, 2025 Detail 64



Adrian Geller Noli Me Tangere, 2025 Oil on canvas 70×90 cm 27½x35% in Unique (GELLER-2025-0018) € 20,000.00 (+tax) Noli Me Tangere takes its title from the Gospel of John – Christ's words to Mary Magdalene after the resurrection. Also referencing Titian's Noli Me Tangere (National Gallery, London), Geller captures a moment suspended between touch and restraint. The phrase appears on a vase overflowing with tulips, so fully bloomed they verge on collapse – fragile under even the lightest touch. As in much of Geller's work, the still life, a traditionally "minor" genre, becomes a central bearer of meaning.

A trompe-l'oeil window opens onto a distant landscape, but the view is blocked by a foreground figure. The arched composition nods to Bruegel's *Two Monkeys* (Gemäldegalerie, Berlin). The figure's triangular pose subtly draws attention to a hand hovering above an egg, recalling Mary Magdalene's tender reach toward the risen Christ.



Adrian Geller *Noli Me Tangere*, 2025 Detail

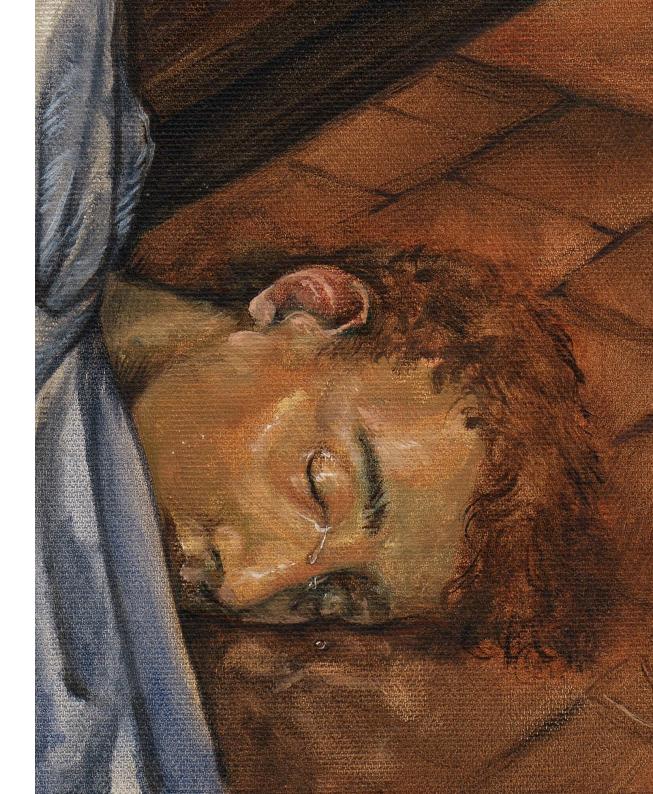


Adrian Geller Ancolia, 2025 Oil on canvas $70 \times 90 \text{ cm}$ $271/2 \times 35\%$ in Unique (GELLER-2025-0017) € 20,000.00 (+tax)

Adrian Geller *Ancolia*, 2025 Detail Although not immediately apparent, nature is at the heart of this painting. A face-shaped columbine flower hovers above the table, while the true narrative unfolds through the tablecloth, adorned with images of trees, deer, dogs, and horses – symbols of the natural world. Beneath the table, a sleeping figure represents a dormant plant, waiting to awaken and reach for the light.

The face above reflects the quiet sorrow of the unseen figure below, expressing a deep longing for recognition. This interplay becomes a metaphor for nature itself – growing quietly, from the ground up, often overlooked. The lifted edge of the tablecloth reveals what usually remains hidden.

Adrian Geller *Ancolia*, 2025 Detail





Adrian Geller *Le Trésor*, 2024 Oil on canvas 240×140 cm 94½×551⁄s in Unique (GELLER-2024-0005) € 56,000.00 (+tax)

Geller's figures often return the viewer's gaze, transforming the act of seeing into a form of reflection. The painting itself becomes a mirror, drawing us into a quiet yet unsettling confrontation with the world we inhabit. This duality is sharply rendered in *Le Trésor*, a diptych that explores our obsessive relationship with materiality and permanence. Akin to Brueghel's etching *Elck*, which illustrates the proverb that "everyone" (elck) searches for themselves in objects, Le Trésor presents a lone figure crawling into a cave, anxiously guarding his collection of treasures. Hunched on all fours, the figure is linked by a delicate golden chain to a bird - a creature that appears restrained, yet may in fact be the one holding him captive. In nature, value is ephemeral - everything grows, decays, and regenerates. But society fights against this cycle, clinging to objects in an effort to cheat time.

Adrian Geller *Le Trésor*, 2024 Detail





Adrian Geller Installation view, 'Meine Weltlandschaft' Tanya Leighton, Berlin. 1 March – 12 April 2025

Shen Han

SHEN HAN

Han Shen (born 1988, Hangzhou, China) lives and works in Berlin. He graduated from Universität der Künste, Berlin in 2017.

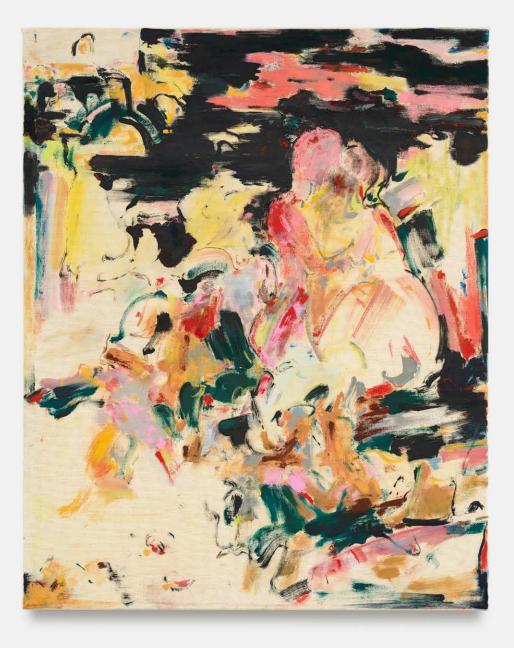
Solo exhibitions include 'Desires are already memories' at Tanya Leighton, Berlin in 2024; 'Room #5' at Kewenig, Berlin; 'West Lake' at PARIS-B, Paris in 2023; 'Intimate Morphology' at Vacancy, Shanghai in 2019; 'The Trajectory of Dream' at Galerie Paris-Beijing, Paris in 2019, and 'Open Up' at Edmond Gallery, Berlin in 2018. His work has been part of group exhibitions at Spoiler, Berlin; PM/AM, London; Hua International, Berlin; He Xiangning Art Museum, Shenzhen; Aurora Museum, Shanghai; Tansbao Gallery, Taipei; Qiao Space, Shanghai; König Galerie, Berlin; Galerie Anette Müller, Düsseldorf; Tang Contemporary Art, Bangkok, and Wuhan Art Museum, Hubei, among many others.

Shen's work is included in the permanent collections of Aurora Museum, Shanghai; Wuhan Art Museum, Hubei; Yuan Art Museum, Beijing; and Sammlung Wemhöner, Berlin.

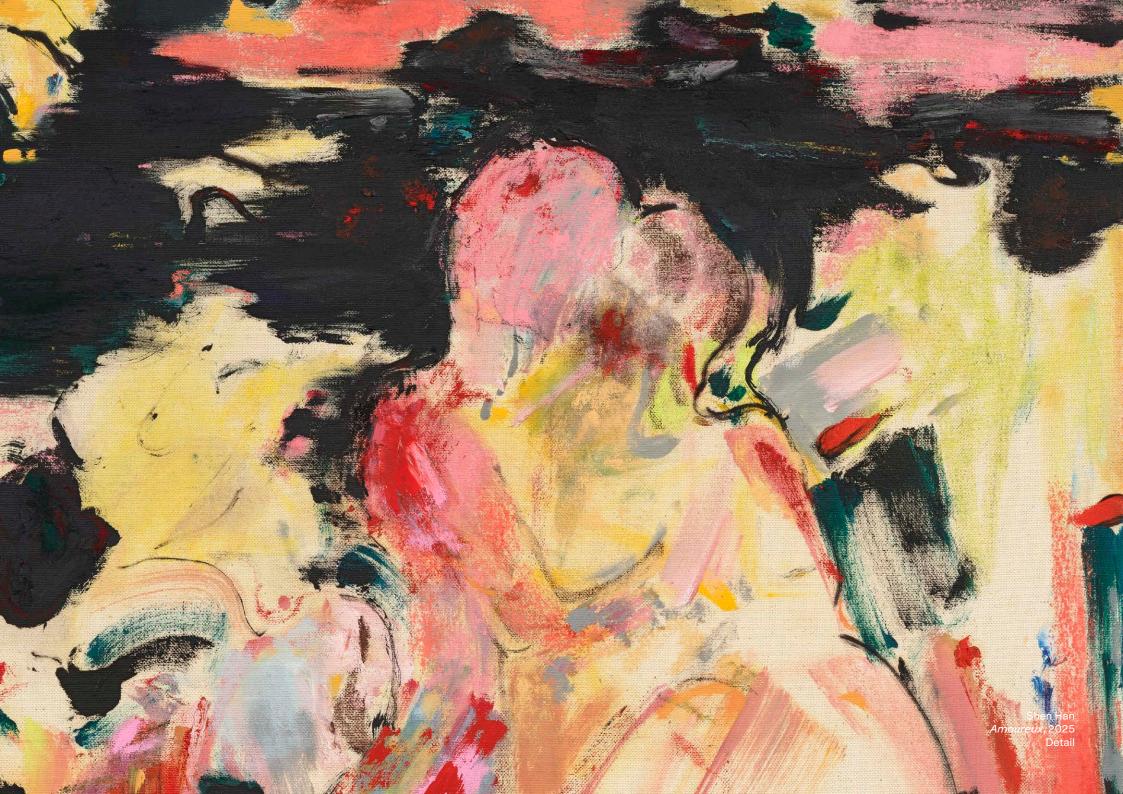
An upcoming solo exhibition at the Yuan Art Museum, Beijing will open in spring 2026.



Portrait of Shen Han Photo by Jiu Kou



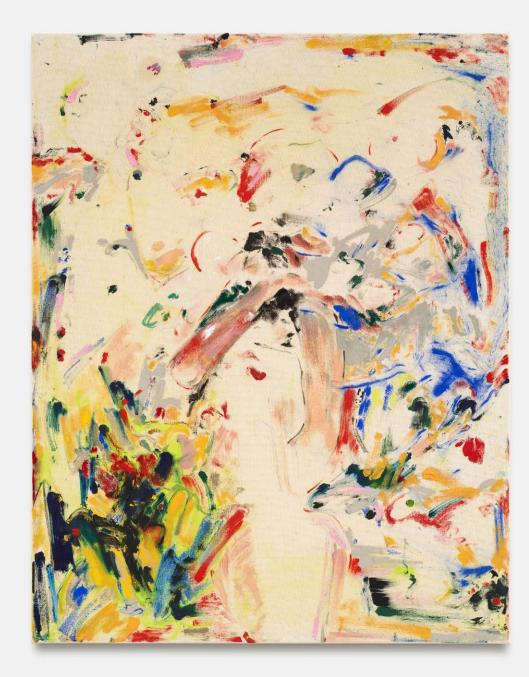
Shen Han *Amoureux*, 2025 Oil on canvas 100.2×80.2 cm 39½×31% in Unique (SHEN-2025-0011) € 12,000.00 (+ tax)



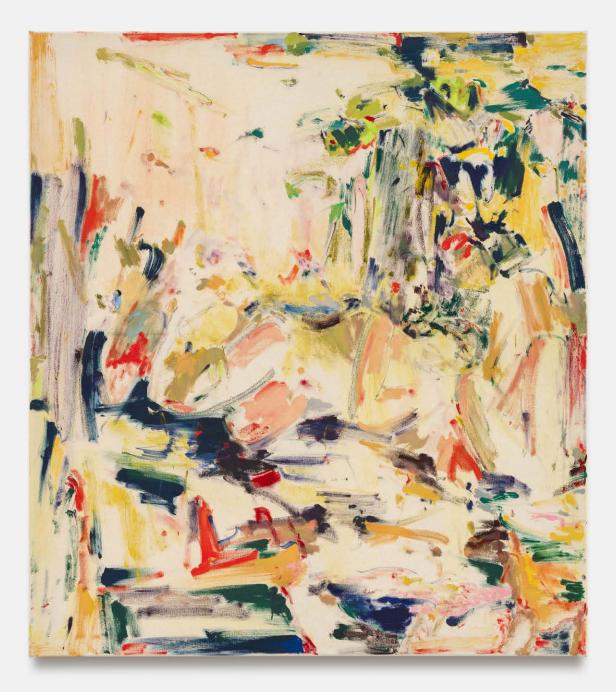
Shen Han's new series explores the emotional textures of intimacy through abstraction. Gestural yet deliberate, the paintings evoke fleeting impressions of bodies, touch, and closeness – never fully formed, but lingering in traces and fragments. Using fluid brushwork and vibrant, layered color, Shen conjures scenes that feel at once personal and distant, like memories surfacing through the fog of time.

While drawing on the legacy of painters such as Joan Mitchell or Cy Twombly, artists who used abstraction to probe memory and affect, Shen's works are quieter, more interior. Figures seem to emerge and dissolve within the composition, suggesting moments of tenderness, separation, and the blurred boundaries of emotional connection. The unprimed canvas often shows through, allowing space for the viewer's own associations to take hold.

Shen Han *Embrace*, 2025 Oil on canvas 90.6×71.1 cm 355%×28 in Unique (SHEN-2025-0013) € 11,000.00 (+ VAT)



Shen Han Embrace, 2025 Detail



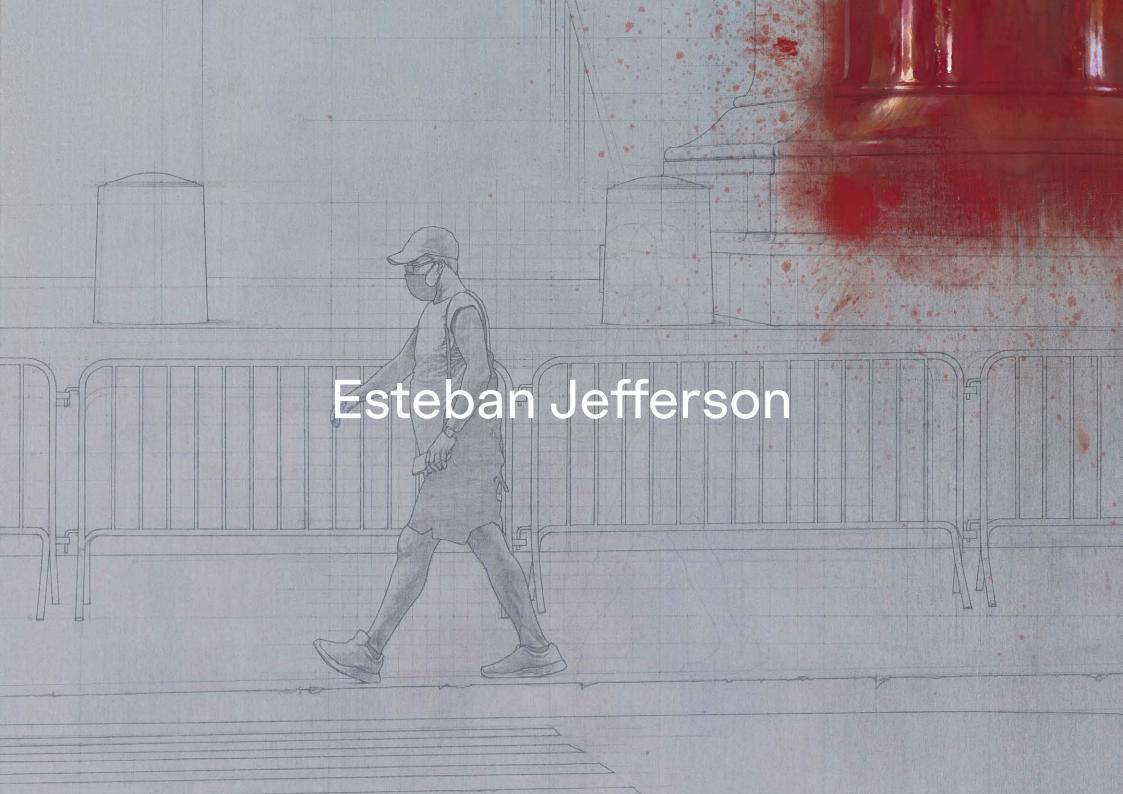
Shen Han *Beneath the Hours*, 2025 Oil on canvas 114.2×128.2 cm 45×50½ in Unique (SHEN-2025-0012) € 16,000.00 (+ tax)

Shen Han Beneath the Hours, 2025 Detail

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ESTEBAN JEFFERSON

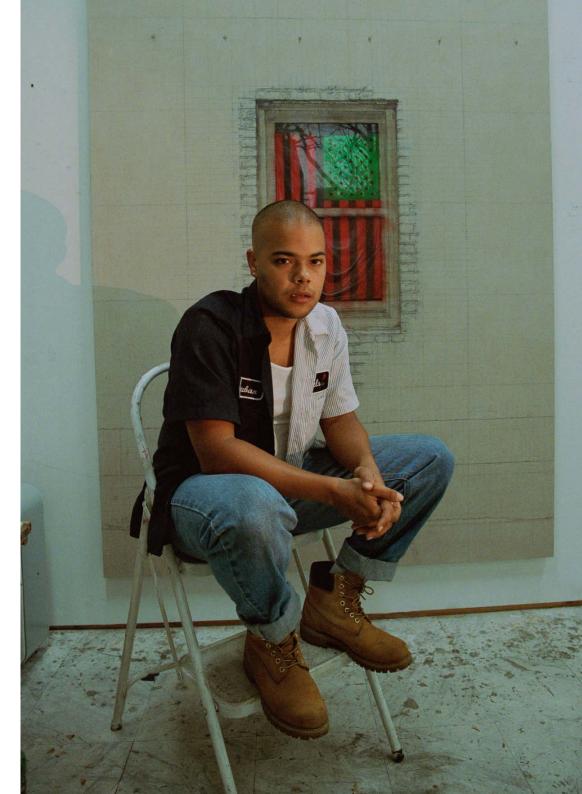
Esteban Jefferson (born 1989, New York) lives and works in New York. Jefferson received his Master of Fine Arts Degree in Visual Art in 2019 and his Bachelor of Arts in 2011, both from Columbia University.

His work debuted in White Columns, New York, in 2019, and he held his first solo exhibition in Europe at Tanya Leighton, Berlin, in 2020. Solo exhibitions at Tanya Leighton in Los Angeles and 303 Gallery in New York have followed. 'May 25th, 2020', his first institutional solo exhibition in the UK, recently concluded at Goldsmiths Centre for Contemporary Art, London.

Selected group exhibitions include 'Spray and Stitch' at Centraal Museum, Utrecht in 2024; 'Get That Old Thing Back' at Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art, New York and 'Heaven is a Different Thing' at Uncle Brother, Hancock, New York, both in 2023; 'Fire Figure Fantasy' at the Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami in 2022; 'Open Call' at The Shed, New York; and 'Estamos Bien' La Trienal at Museo del Barrio, New York, both in 2021, among others. In 2020, he was selected to present a commissioned work as part of the New York Public Art Fund's 'Art on the Grid' initiative on bus stops across the city.

Jefferson's works are in the collections of the Hessel Museum of Art at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York; the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Quebec; the Pérez Art Museum, Miami; the Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami; and the Speed Art Museum, Louisville.

A solo exhibition by Jefferson will open at Tanya Leighton, Berlin during Berlin Art Week in September 2025.



Esteban Jefferson in his studio Photo by Dean Majd



Esteban Jefferson October 6, 2021 (American Museum of Natural History, Manhattan, five days before Indigenous Peoples' Day), 2025 Oil and graphite on linen 213.4x182.9 cm 84x72 in Unique (JEFFERSON-2025-0079) \$ 75,000.00 (+ tax) This work is a response to the removal of the Equestrian Statue of Theodore Roosevelt, a controversial monument that stood at the entrance of the American Museum of Natural History since 1939.

Full of connotations of racial hierarchy, the statue depicts Roosevelt riding triumphantly on a horse, flanked by two anonymous figures — an Indigenous American and an African American.

Esteban Jefferson October 6, 2021 (American Museum of Natural History, Manhattan, five days before Indigenous Peoples' Day), 2025 Detail



Esteban Jefferson October 6, 2021 (American Museum of Natural History, Manhattan, five days before Indigenous Peoples' Day), 2025 Detail



Esteban Jefferson Inv. 1857, 1220. 264 (British Museum), 2025 Oil and graphite on linen 106.7x91.4 cm 42x36 in Unique (JEFFERSON-2025-0080) \$ 50,000.00 (+ tax)

This painting is based on a fragmented marble head from the Mausoleum at Halikarnassos, now held in the British Museum and thought to depict Apollo. The sculpture, reconstructed from shards, bears visible damage: a missing right side, eroded features, and a violently broken form.

Jefferson reflects on the violence not only to the object itself but to the culture from which it was taken. The work considers how sacred objects are reduced to aesthetic fragments through colonial removal and museum display, their original meaning displaced.

Recalling the empty spaces in Athens' Acropolis Museum, left open for looted artifacts, Jefferson sees the broken head as a powerful metaphor for cultural erasure and the unresolved legacy of imperialism.

> Esteban Jefferson Inv. 1857, 1220. 264 (British Museum), 2025 Detail



"The composition's grandeur, assimilating that of the public artwork depicted, speaks to the tradition of history painting. And yet the main 'action' is the statue being taken down, in which the slave is as instrumental as the outlined labourers. The monument's decommissioning is itself 'monumentalised': as a commemorative instant of mourning for those afflicted, directly and indirectly, by Roosevelt's racist statue (in fact, the president himself instructed against memorial likenesses of himself, recognising the changeability of legacies). Jefferson doesn't simply reverse hierarchies, he democratises commemoration."

> -Tom Denman Art Monthly



Esteban Jefferson Installation view, 'Petit Palais' Tanya Leighton, Berlin. 30 October – 18 December 2020



Esteban Jefferson Installation view, 'May 25th, 2020' Goldsmiths CCA, London. 07 October 2023–14 January 2024

Oliver Laric

OLIVER LARIC

Oliver Laric (born 1981, Innsbruck, Austria) lives and works in Berlin.

His work is currently on view in 'Programmed Universes' at the Musée d'art contemporain de Lyon, and 'Digital Witness: Revolutions in Design, Photography, and Film' at LACMA, Los Angeles.

In 2024, Laric was the subject of the solo exhibition, 'Oliver Laric: Metamorphosen', at Eres Stiftung, Munich. Other recent solo exhibitions include 'Mémoire vive', at Museé de la Romanité, Nîmes, 2023, 'Exoskeleton', at OCAT, Shanghai (curated by Martin Germann), Ferdinandeum, Innsbruck, Austria, 2022, 'Betweenness' at Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam and 'Timelapse' at S.M.A.K., Ghent, both in 2021; 'Standbild', Johanniterkirche, Feldkirch, Austria in 2020; as well as Forum Arte Braga, Portugal, 'Currents 116' and 'New Media Series – Oliver Laric' at St. Louis Art Museum in 2019.

Recent group exhibitions include Lentos Kunstmuseum, Linz, KW Institute of Contemporary Art, Berlin, Kunsthaus Meran, Merano, École municipale des beauxarts, Gennevilliers, France, in 2024; Kunstverein Wolfsburg, Fondazione Modena Arti Visive, Modena, Kunstmuseum Bonn in 2023; Kunsthal Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, and MAXXI L'Aquila, Italy, in 2022; MUDAM, Luxembourg; Beaufort Triennial 21, Middelkerke, Belgium; Seoul Mediacity Biennale, and Halle für Kunst Steiermark, Graz in 2021, among many others.

Laric's work is held in public collections including MuMOK, Vienna; Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam; Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston; Cleveland Museum of Art; Walker Art Center, Minneapolis; Fondation Galleries Lafayette, Paris, and KAI 10 Arthena Foundation, Düsseldorf, among others.

In November 2025, Laric will present a solo exhibition at Basement Roma in Rome and participate in the Thailand Biennial in Phuket.



Oliver Laric Sleeping Boy, 2021 SLS nylon, SLA resin, Acrylic Paint, Pigments, Aluminum Powder 111.5×101.5×55 cm 44×40×21¾ in Unique (LARIC-2021-0232) € 50,000.00 (+tax) "Rather than clones, Laric's sculptures are visually distinct from the originals. Each section is made from a different material, creating a sense that they could be remade endlessly. Laric proposes that the meaning of a 150-year old sculpture is just as unfixed as that of a contemporary news image, which can be photoshopped and memeified in a matter of minutes. In Laric's world, every use is a re-use, everything can be copied, remade and perhaps even improved, by anyone and everyone."

> -Chloe Stead Spike Magazine

Oliver Laric *Sleeping Boy*, 2021 Detail







Oliver Laric Installation view, 'Post-Capital' MUDAM, Luxembourg. 2 October 2021 – 16 January 2022

Oliver Osborne

OLIVER OSBORNE

Oliver Osborne (born 1985, Edinburgh) lives and works in Berlin.

Recent solo exhibitions include Tanya Leighton in Los Angeles and Berlin; Galeria Pelaires in Palma de Mallorca; JVDW in Düsseldorf; Union Pacific in London; Francis Irv in New York; The Bunker in Santa Monica; Braunsfelder in Cologne; Gió Marconi in Milan; as well as at the Bonner Kunstverein in Bonn.

He has participated in group exhibitions at Clearing in New York; La Traverse in Marseille; Pas une Orange in Barcelona; Hamburger Kunsthalle; Moran Moran in Los Angeles; Max Hetzler in Berlin; and at the German Embassy in London.

Osborne's works are held in the collections of Aishti Foundation in Beirut; Braunsfelder Family Collection in Cologne; Haubrok Foundation in Berlin; Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo in Turin; and the Saatchi Collection in London.

His work has been the subject of catalogues published by Braunsfelder, Cologne, 2020; Bonner Kunstverein, 2018, and Mousse, 2016.

At the end of September 2025, his solo exhibition 'The Sleeping Guard' will open at the Fondazione ICA in Milan.



Oliver Osborne in his studio Photo by Albrecht Fuchs

Osborne adroitly blends figuration and abstraction, using slight compositional adjustments and repetition to unveil new perspectives from the dustladen archives of art history. His versatile practice, spanning silkscreen, abstraction, and photorealistic oil painting, delightedly chronicles the elasticity of painting over time, summoning the dramatic juxtaposition of light and dark found in Caravaggio's chiaroscuro, for instance, whilst simultaneously gesturing to the personal, encompassing subjects from appropriated figures in portraiture to his own family.

Oliver Osborne They come, they wake us, 2025 Oil on herringbone linen 38×33 cm 15×13 in Unique (OSBORNE-2025-0164) € 16,000.00 (+ tax)





Oliver Osborne *Untitled*, 2025 Oil on linen 58×55 cm 227%×215% in Unique (OSBORNE-2025-0165) € 19,000.00 (+tax) "There's an unlikely intimacy here as classical techniques are painstakingly interwoven with a desire to experience historical painting by reinventing it. Particularly idiosyncratic is Osborne's technique of repeatedly layering and sanding, so that the undercoats of the paintings shimmer to the surface like mirages."

> -Mitch Speed *Frieze*









ELIF SAYDAM

Elif Saydam (born 1985, Calgary, Canada) lives and works in Berlin.

Currently, their work is presented in two solo exhibitions at List Projects of the MIT in Cambridge and the Kunsthal Thy in Denmark, as well as in the group exhibition 'My Protagonist' at Kunstraum Riehen.

Recent solo exhibitions include 'Hospitality' at Audain Gallery, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, and 'Stealth', Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich in 2024; 'Eviction Notice', Oakville Galleries, Toronto in 2023; 'F*rgiveness' at Tanya Leighton, Berlin in 2022; '... schläft sich durch' at Kunstverein Harburger Bahnhof, Hamburg in 2021; 'Everybody's Fool' at Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich and 'Gut feeling' at Tanya Leighton, Berlin, both in 2020, among others.

Their work has been included in group exhibitions at TAXISPALAIS Kunsthalle Tirol, Innsbruck; GAK Gesellschaft für Aktuelle Kunst, Bremen; Kunsthalle Bern, Switzerland; Landes-Stiftung Arp Museum Bahnhof Rolandseck, Bonn; Künstlerhaus Schloss Balmoral, Bad Ems, Germany; Kunstverein Nürnberg – Albrecht Dürer Gesellschaft, Nuremberg, and MMK Museum for Modern Art, Frankfurt am Main.



Elif Saydam in their studio Photo by Tina Linster

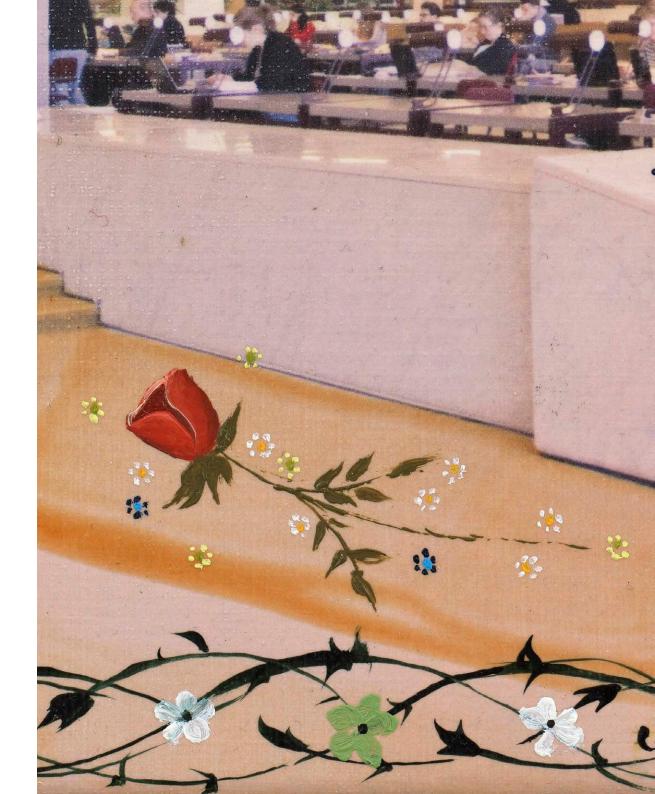


Elif Saydam Staatsbibliothek (Stabi), Potsdamer Platz, 2022 Inkjet transfer and oil on canvas 21×30 cm 8¼×11¾ in Unique (SAYDAM-2022-0051) € 7,000.00 (+tax) Echoing early twentieth-century modernism's fascination with the decadence of urban experience, Elif Saydam's work examines capitalism's promise of endless comfort and consumption through the artist's personal movements through the city.

"Saydam's technique is a loosenedup take on Persian and Ottoman miniature painting, combined with a frothy Rococo vibe. These disparate influences hum together, emphasizing how this work is a fizz of insideroutsider diasporic energy."

– Mitch Speed *Camera Austria*

Elif Saydam Staatsbibliothek (Stabi), Potsdamer Platz, 2022 Detail



Elif Saydam Installation view, 'Hospitality' Audain Gallery, Vancouver. 18 October – 14 December 2024

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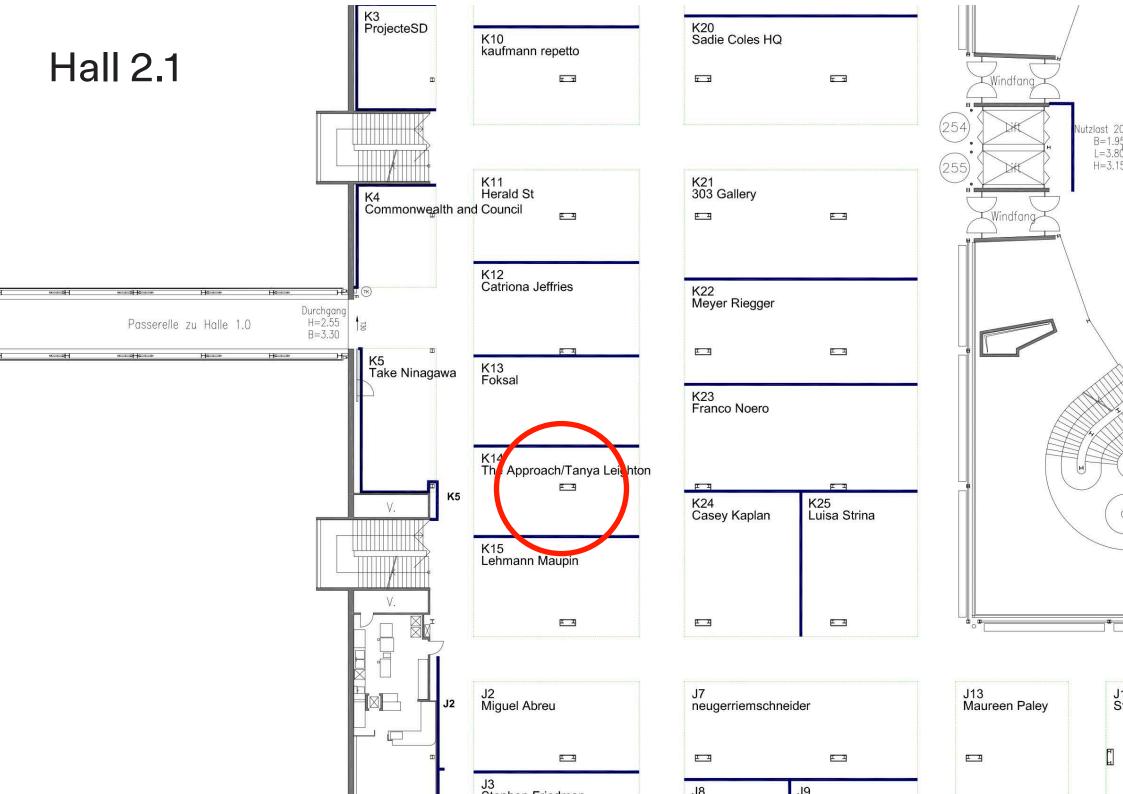
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