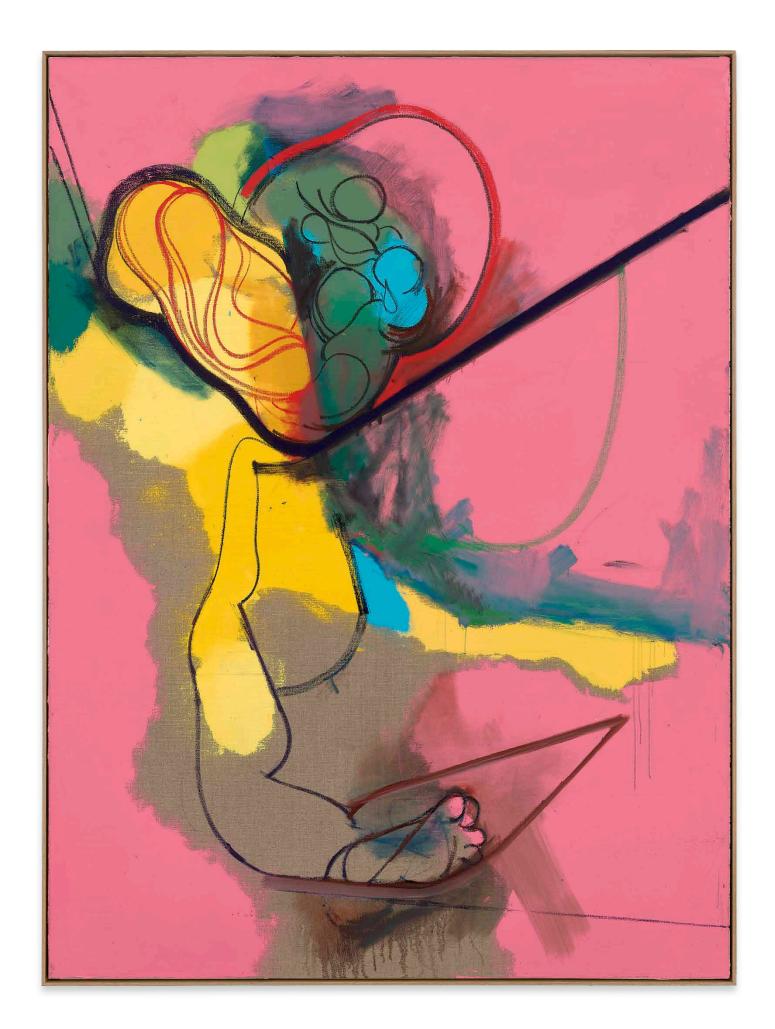
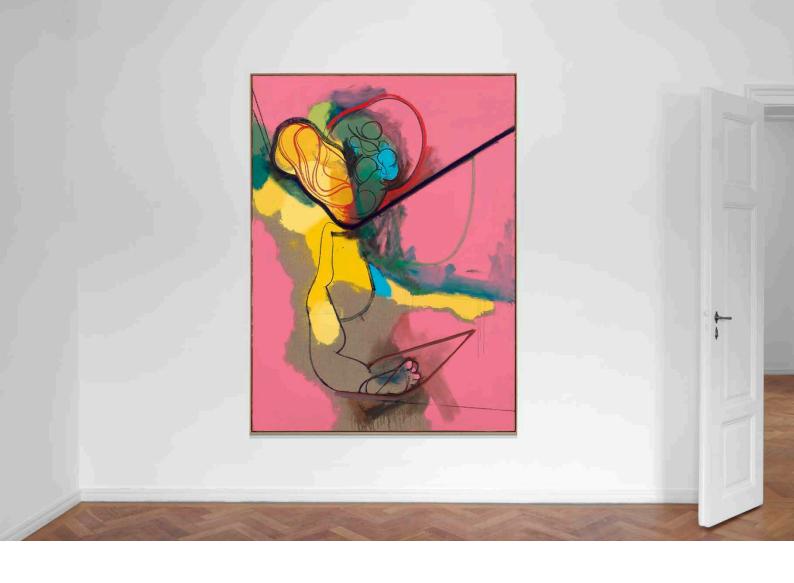


Daniel Richter's most recent series of paintings shows anthropomorphic creatures against chromatic backgrounds. Rendered in a spectrum of bright, prismatic colours, the works oscillate between geometric rigidity and organic fluidity. The German artist first came to prominence in the 1990s when he transitioned into fine art from the world of music, where he began his career designing posters and record sleeves for punk bands. His early paintings were abstract, characterised by intensely colourful forms that lie somewhere between graffiti and intricate ornamentation. Figures began appearing in his works around 2002, often inspired by reproductions from newspapers or history books. Influenced by the legacy of Symbolists such as James Ensor and Edvard Munch, Richter combines motifs from art history, mass media and pop culture to create idiosyncratic, surreal worlds.



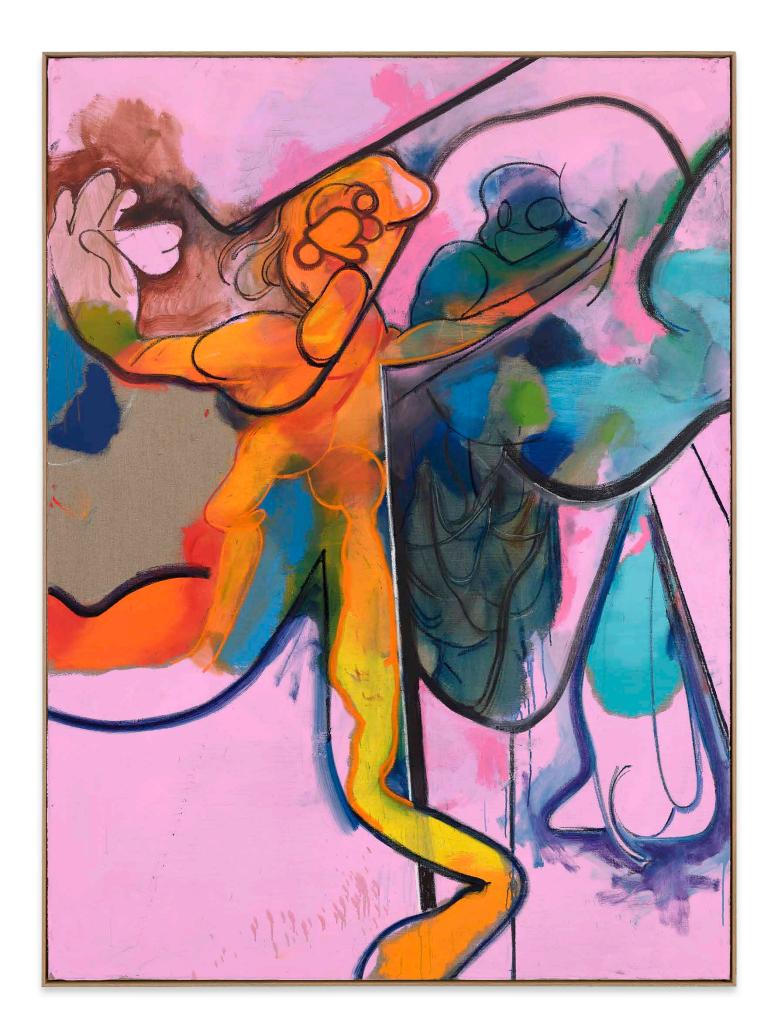
sperlingskleine WEISE, 2024

Oil on canvas 230 × 170 cm (86.61 × 64.96 in) (DAR 1254)

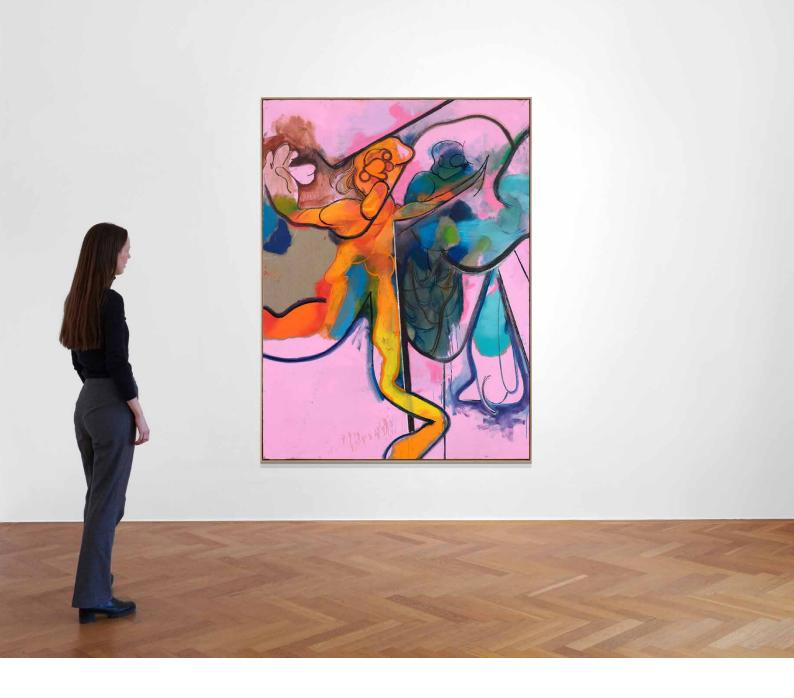


Richter's painting is always painting about painting in the historical discourse of the medium. For Richter, art is never style, but always method, an attitude that serves the discovery of truth. At the same time, his pictures do not represent a method of achieving insight, but rather a possibility for portraying social phenomena. [...] The reduction of the pictorial means, the simplification of the style, the rejection of the tried and tested pictorial subjects, the return of the work to an initial abstract primeval state from which a new semiotic system can result—all this is an exhausting, sometimes frustrating process of renewal accompanied by many attempts and failures. [...] This process has resulted in works which represent an impressive further development: first groups of paintings which seek a completely new kind of confrontation, which allow coarse, simplified areas of color and significance to collide on the level of form and content diagram-like color compositions which reveal their physicality and their representative potential only slowly and reluctantly. These are works with a striking but also endangered, sordid aesthetic and a precarious substance extracted from the abstract.

- Max Hollein, director of The Metropolitan Museum of Art



Triumpf des Höhnischen, 2024 Oil on canvas 230 × 170 cm (90.55 × 66.93 in) (DAR 1255)



Ever the innovator, his recent paintings tread a path between figuration and abstraction, typified by the chaotic entanglements of fragmented bodies. Evoking a sense of rebellious energy and electric vibrancy, the figures are both playful and defiant. He uses vivid chromatic contrasts and abstracted patterning to convey a disquieting emotional tenor, heightened by the temporal and spatial indeterminacy of scenes that refuse to resolve into a coherent time, place or even pictorial space. 'The dynamic in my work is mainly based on pushing and shoving, or on elements that are being confronted by each other – mingling, pushing, pulling,' he explains. Despite the underlying violence, the works convey a touching sensuality and beauty that counterbalance their restless energy.

Daniel Richter

About the artist



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Richter's works can be read in political terms, through their themes of immigration or surveillance, but they evade any single interpretation. He uses vivid chromatic contrasts and abstracted patterning to convey a disquieting emotional tenor, heightened by the temporal and spatial indeterminacy of scenes that refuse to resolve into a coherent time, place or even pictorial space. The same is true of his contoured colour fields, which are reminiscent of maps in an atlas but do not correspond to any specific region. The artist describes them as an 'encirclement, a sort of pressing, entwining, squeezing', which conveys a strong sense of confrontation and flux.

Born in Eutin, Germany, Daniel Richter lives and works in Berlin. He studied at the Hochschule für bildende Künste Hamburg (1992–96) under Werner Büttner, and later worked as an assistant to Albert Oehlen. Comprehensive solo exhibitions of Richter's work have been held at Kunsthalle Tübingen (2023); Space K, Seoul (2022); TAXISPALAIS Kunsthalle Tirol, Innsbruck (2014); Schirn Kunsthalle Frankfurt (2014); Kestner Gesellschaft, Hannover (2011); CAC Málaga and Denver Art Museum (both 2008); Hamburger Kunsthalle (2007); National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa (2005); and Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf (2001).

Between 2016 and 2017, a major monographic exhibition of the artist's work travelled to the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Humlebæk, 21er Haus (now Belvedere 21), Vienna, and Camden Art Centre, London. More recently, Richter's work was shown in the landmark group exhibition Radical Figures: Painting in the New Millennium at the Whitechapel Gallery, London (2020). In 2022, a solo exhibition was held at the Ateneo Veneto, Venice, coinciding with the 59th Venice Biennale and, in 2023, a major monographic survey of the artist's career was presented at Kunsthalle Tübingen. In 2025, he has been part of the group exhibition Visions of the World. The Wigam Collection at the Museum Kampa, Prague; currently his works are on view at G2 Kunsthalle, Leipzig, celebrating the collection's 10th anniversary with a comprehensive group show (until June 2025).

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