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Jessica Buhlmann | Li-Wen Kuo | Maria Schumacher | Karolin Schwab

SHAPE! 23 November 2018 – 19 January 2019

Opening Friday, 23 November 2018, 7 – 9 PM

The group exhibition SHAPE! brings together Jessica Buhlmann, Li-Wen Kuo, Maria Schumacher and Karolin Schwab. Four artists, in whose painterly and installative works the focus is on the process of shape and color.

Circles, semicircles, squares, rectangles, dots and lines – color and shape, sometimes monochrome, sometimes translucent, organic, geometric, superimpose each other, moving away from the canvas, over the walls, into the room and back onto the canvas.

In the interplay between controlled surfaces and spontaneous, intuitively set painterly gestures, each of the positions shown appears in their very own language and narrative style about balance, composition and asymmetry. Color and shape, in our perception bounded in an inseparable relationship, are used both in their intrinsic value and as a carrier. Overlays and points of contact arise, which can develop into reference-, start- and final-points.

In addition, a dialogue emerges: within each of the color and form elements, with the space that surrounds them, as well as with the other artistic positions that surround them.

Whether a shape or a color stood at the beginning of the respective artistic process, can perhaps not be determined clearly. Clearly visible, however, is the desire to bring in form and to – *shape!*

Biographies:

Jessica Buhlmann (* 1977 in Potsdam, Germany)

2006-2007 Master student of the University of Arts Berlin.

Jessica Buhlmann lives and works in Berlin.

Li-Wen Kuo (* 1980 in Viernheim, Germany)

Diploma in Painting and Graphics at the State Academy of Fine Arts Karlsruhe under Prof. Gustav Kluge and Prof. Marcel von Eden.

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Li-Wen Kuo lives and works in Frankfurt am Main and Copenhagen, Denmark.

Maria Schumacher (b. 1983 in Bucharest, Romania)

Diploma studies at the Academy of Visual Arts Leipzig, class of Heribert C. Ottersbach and class of Neo Rauch, graduation in 2011.

Maria Schumacher lives and works in Leipzig, her studio is located in the Leipzig cotton mill.

Karolin Schwab (* 1987 in Stralsund, Germany)

2014-2016 Master student of the Berlin University of the Arts under Prof. Ai Weiwei.

Karolin Schwab lives and works in Berlin.

In the courtyard garden of the gallery, sculptures by Madeleine Dietz, Mwangi Hutter,

Irmela Maier and Markus F. Strieder will be on view.

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Opening hours:

Tuesday-Friday 12:00 – 18:00, Saturday 12:00 – 16:00

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Maria Schumacher The Sucker 2018 oil, crayon on canvas 100 x 70 cm



Li-Wen Kuo LOTSE 2017 oil on canvas 83 x 75 cm



Jessica Buhlmann Jester 2017 oil on canvas 150 x 120 cm



Karolin Schwab sculptural drawing 2018 acrylic, mdf 180 x 60 cm