

PRESS RELEASE

galerie burster karlsruhe

Enrico Bach | *H.T.L.*

19. January – 24. February 2024

Opening

Friday, 19 January 2024, starting at 6 pm

DJ set by Johannes Fleck

starting at 8 pm

Gallery Day

Saturday, 20. January 2024, 3 – 8 pm

We are pleased to present *H.T.L.*, Enrico Bach's first solo show at galerie burster karlsruhe.

Analogous to his work titles, the title of the exhibition reads like a code of capital letters - *H.T.L.* can have different meanings at first glance. In the context of the solo show, *H.T.L.* can be decoded with *hold the line* and directs our attention to something that stands in space, not yet fully tangible, in a vague state of becoming form.

The exhibition presents new large-format works whose compositions are characterized by the division of the pictorial space into two halves. A picture-within-a-picture principle in which each side stands on its own and yet corresponds with the other half. The layered areas of color and pattern thus create the illusion of a more or less deep space. At the same time, Bach leaves behind the conventional compositional pattern of a centered motif: the picture's edge, ground and interfaces become depth-giving design levels.

The abstract lines in interaction with diffuse figures and blurred elements in the background represent a novelty. While the precise and opaque lines are in the process of approaching a form or dissolving it, Bach blurs art historical quotations on the background behind them.

The pictorial motifs are no longer completely detached from any reference to concrete figuration, but question and revolve around it. The line always moves between figuration and abstraction and is in the process of defining surface and space more precisely.

Enrico Bach (*1980, Leipzig) completed his master's degree in 2011 at the Staatliche Akademie der Bildenden Künste Karlsruhe under Prof. Gustav Kluge. His works have been shown at the Guangdong Museum of Arts, Guangzhou, Start Museum Shanghai, the Staatliche Kunsthalle Karlsruhe, the Würth Collection, Schwäbisch Hall, Sammlung Ritter, Waldenbuch, KUNSTWERK Klein Collection, Eberdingen-Nussdorf and the Staatsgalerie in Stuttgart. Enrico Bach lives and works in Karlsruhe.

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Opening hours: Thursday – Friday 12 – 6 pm and by appointment.