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Markus F. Strieder | *NEUF*

12 November – 23 December 2022

Opening

Saturday, 12 November 2022, 6 – 9 pm

We are pleased to present *NEUF*, Markus F. Strieder's first solo show at galerie burster Karlsruhe. The exhibition features ink drawings and steel sculptures, including his latest series *Walkingman*, 2022.

Markus F. Strieder (\*1961 in Innsbruck, Austria, lives and works in Rhône-Alpes) lets the material speak. Pure and immediate, the sensual power of form and material unfolds in his works. A power at rest in itself and yet dynamic, on paper, in space and does not need many words.

In his ink drawings in earthy tones, Strieder folds and unfolds geometric forms on a natural white background, using brush and rake to create compact, yet translucent spaces and interstices.

Strieder's steel objects are fullplastics, mostly forged by hand from individual solid steel blocks that retain their impressive mass and rough surface texture despite their reshaping. Grounded and soft, sometimes playfully light, they stand, hang, lie and roll on the floor – but the lightness is deceptive: The idea of the enormous weight of the works, up to several hundred kilograms, shakes our knowledge of physical laws.

Whether on paper or in the forge: Like steel, ink is fluid in the process of shaping and requires swift and decisive action. Only Strieder's decades of practice and consistency allow the necessary calm and concentration to emerge, so that even previously unplanned gradients, material weaknesses or even paper breakthroughs can be consciously included.

Strieder's ink drawings and steel objects show an uncompromising and pure aesthetic from their production process, their flowing action. His bodies stand in (pictorial) space, whether as a group or on their own, in any case consistent, powerful, timeless.

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Opening hours: Wednesday - Friday 2 – 6 pm | Saturday 12 – 3 pm and by appointment