

SCHWARZ CONTEMPORARY

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MARLON WOBST

extra

We are very pleased to announce the exhibition *extra* by MARLON WOBST, the fourth solo show of the Berlin-based artist at SCHWARZ CONTEMPORARY.

In conjunction with the exhibition, an extensive monograph will be released by KERBER publishing house containing more than 80 images, an interview by Annika Karpowski and a text by Anthony Byrt entitled *Marlon and Me: On the Nostalgic Erotics of Marlon Wobst*.

In his text about Marlon Wobst's work, Anthony Byrt writes:

„His paintings are simultaneously a celebration of naked love and a kind of flaccid disappointment. Men with limp penises, couples with terrible tan lines, women vacuuming naked while they check their phones – and everywhere, tube socks: fresh-laundry white and ringed with single stripes of blue and red. [...] breasts that fall or tilt without surgical assistance, unsculpted pubic hair, tan lines, regrettable tattoos. Wobst's nudes are the clearest examples of what could be called his 'erotic realism.' This might seem a contradiction: his paintings are largely lacking in sex, and not, in the classical sense, realistic at all. But their eroticism lies in the fact that they are us: imperfect, average, and elated by the collective act of exposure. [...]

Wobst's work revels in an exhilarating realism: the naturalness of our physical exchanges, whether close and intimate or unspoken across a hot Berlin street – the spying, the shyness, the acceptance of each other's bodies, the awkward positions, the vulnerability of revealing our desires, the humor and the strangeness. The universe he creates is a fantasy, where he is always in charge. But his complex empathy is also definitively human; he grounds us in each other with a radical, erotic normality.“

For the first time in Germany, alongside recent works on canvas, glazed ceramics by Marlon Wobst (born in 1980 in Wiesbaden) will be on display in the gallery.

The opening is on Thursday, March 9, 2017, from 6 to 8 pm. The exhibition will be on show from March 10 to April 15, 2017.

For further information, please contact us at: mail@schwarz-contemporary.com