

SCHWARZ CONTEMPORARY

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Marlon Wobst, Lug

SCHWARZ CONTEMPORARY is pleased to present new works by Berlin-based painter MARLON WOBST.

The exhibition *Lug* is Marlon Wobst's first solo show in Berlin and will be on view at SCHWARZ CONTEMPORARY, Sanderstraße 28, Berlin, until June 11, 2011.

In his previous works, Marlon Wobst has frequently dealt with the horizon as a splitting element of the image area. His latest twelve works presented in the current exhibition *Lug* ('lie' as in 'pack of lies') however all share the common feature of the absence of a horizon as reference for the viewer.

The abandonment of a horizon creates a new level which according to Wobst "does not leave a way out, provides no light streak on the horizon, no edge behind which something else could take place". But doesn't this missing horizon rather cause that *everything* could be taking place right here?

What is it that the three floating bodies in the back room of the exhibition space may conceal, what surrounds these three figures? Are they hung bodies with a common dramatic fate or simply actors waiting to enter a scene in a neo-western by the Coen brothers?

Let us take a closer look at the medium-sized painting *Boots* from 2011: of course there are no boots to be found. The main element of this painting are feet. They appear to have almost casually entered the image, although, they rapidly and in a quite determined way manage to control the situation and take possession of the canvas.

And then these dangling feet, in front of a brown, wooden plank-like horizontal bar, together with a dropping pack of tobacco, a few flying filters and the reversed writing *SEX*. What is happening here, has someone maybe just rolled the last cigarette?

Marlon Wobst, born in Wiesbaden in 1980, was awarded the *Elsa Neumann scholarship* of the state of Berlin last year. He will finish his studies at Berlin's *Universität der Künste* in professor Robert Lucander's master class later this year.

The opening at SCHWARZ CONTEMPORARY will take place on Thursday, May 12, 2011, 6 to 8 pm. Marlon Wobst will be present.

For further information or any inquiries please contact the gallery anytime via mail@schwarz-contemporary.com

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