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STAPELLAUF – NA KLAR MACKS QUERFELDT

Vernissage: Thursday, 23.07.2020, 7 pm
Exhibition: 28.07. – 27.08.2020
Opening Hours: Tue & Thu, 12–6 pm, Wed 2–6 pm
Location: Galerie ART CRU Berlin, Oranienburger Str. 27, 10117 Berlin-Mitte, Germany
Introduction: Ralph Stabbert
2. chairman PS-Art e.V. Berlin

Galerie ART CRU Berlin is showing collages by **Macks Querfeldt**.

Kant, Leibniz, Freud, coffee-making monkeys or a lace curtain. Anything is possible in the artist's densely populated combination-compositions. Macks Querfeldt arranges his view of the world from a great variety of materials: newspaper and magazine clippings, found objects, strings, upholstery, and even wigs. Through a constant process of collecting and selecting, a protocol of social upheavals is thus created. Among the 25 works shown are numerous "classical" collages. In combination with colorfully grounded canvases onto which the artist places his cutouts, their effect is sometimes reminiscent of pioneers of collage and pop art such as Robert Rauschenberg. Image and text cutouts form an impressive overall unity. The viewers are confronted with a mass of elements that challenge them but do not overwhelm them. Due to their color composition, the dense images immediately invite the viewer to explore them associatively. The exhibition also offers some surprises in dealing with form and medium. For example, the original piece depicted in the promotional image used for our invitation card curves towards the visitors, a cushion covered with fabric, wrapped in a bright red ribbon. In another work, the artist has used acrylic paint to work on an oil painting found on the street. The originally depicted idyll with a forest lake and a mountain range was alienated, each tree trunk was painted over with a blue-red paint stroke to great effect and a single cutout face with a headgear was added, which looks as if it is composed of numerous individual elements. Macks Querfeldt transforms the gallery with his assemblages and collages into his press office, his kiosk, his world receiver.

Macks Querfeldt has been active in various projects as an artist and in cultural work since the early 1990s. He worked in film equipment, advertising and is part of the wood

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workshop of VIA Blumenfisch gGmbH since 2010. There he can dedicate himself to the production of his art at his own studio workplace.

Galerie ART CRU Berlin is Berlin's only gallery for so-called Outsider Art since 2008. The term (introduced in 1945 by painter Jean Dubuffet as "Art Brut") refers to art by people with psychiatric disorders or mental disabilities. We are convinced that the particular perceptions these artists have allow them to create art of high authenticity. With our exhibitions we present works by "outsiders" as a crucial part of contemporary art and aim to foster discourse within the established art world. Being located at the Kunsthof on Oranienburger Straße, the gallery presents works by people with disabilities right in the centre of Berlin's art scene. Galerie ART CRU Berlin is backed by the non-profit federation **PS-Art e.V. Berlin** – a network of different institutions.

For its five-year jubilee the gallery published a chronicle comprising all exhibition catalogues from 2008-13. In 2014 we took part at the **Outsider Art Fair** in Paris, the world's leading fair in this field. The same year saw the nomination of five artists from the network of PS-Art e.V. Berlin for the international art prize **euward**. Since 2015 the gallery is a member of the **lvbg**, the Galleries Association of Berlin (Landesverband Berliner Galerien).

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O.T., 2020, fabric, ribbon, collage, 41x56



O.T., 2019, acrylic and collage on canvas, 40x60



At home, 2020, collage, curtain, wood, acrylic on canvas, 90x121

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