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MARISA KROLIKOWSKI - GESICHTER

Duration: 24.05.–14.07.2022
Vernissage: 19.05.2022, 7 pm
Opening hours: Tu & Th noon-6 pm, We 2-6 pm and by appointment
Venue: Galerie ART CRU Berlin, Oranienburger Str. 27, 10117 Berlin-Mitte

Galerie ART CRU Berlin is showing drawings by **Marisa Krolkowski** (*1996) from Atelier Blumenfisch in her first solo exhibition.

In her serial works, the artist deals with questions of uniqueness and otherness, sameness and deviation. She often draws everyday city dwellers such as cats, dogs, soccer players or skaters that she encounters on her scooter tours through Berlin, complemented by animals from more faraway countries, such as rhinos, bears or lizards. Looking at the series, one wonders whether she repeats a single sign-object over and over again, or whether they are different objects. Perhaps she also depicts different states of being of a rhinoceros, a cat, etc., thus illuminating their physical reality? Sometimes in Marisa Krolkowski's work, the boundaries between animal and human worlds blur into fascinating hybrid beings: Bears with human faces, walruses with antennae, tall bird shapes. Equally impressive is the particular treatment of space in certain series. The artist tends to dissect and fragment her objects. This creates mosaic-like structures that, in addition to the described blurring of boundaries between species, also blur the areas of foreground and background, challenging the viewer's spatial perception. A cat is (not) a cat is (not) a cat.

About Atelier Blumenfisch: Never seen a Blumenfisch? No problem, a Blumenfisch can be many things, is always new and always different - and offers a variety of possibilities for the most diverse people with the most diverse abilities. For example, at Atelier Blumenfisch, where paintings on canvas, drypoint etchings and a wide variety of decorative objects are created.

Blumenfisch is an accredited workshop for people with disabilities and supports the professional entry or re-entry.

In light of recent events taking place in Ukraine, the gallery displayed solidarity by painting all its walls black in a symbolic action on the 27.02.2022. The war has immensely impacted us. Proceeding on without making a statement seemed unfathomable. The black gallery walls will serve as the background to Bruck's works. For the occasion of the exhibition, we will donate to these two organizations: **ARTISTS at RISK** (AR) and **Doctors Without Borders / Médecins Sans Frontières** (MSF).

ARTISTS at RISK (AR) is a non-profit organization at the intersection of human rights and the arts. Since 2013 AR has been collaborating with arts non-profits and government funders to assist artists who are at risk politically and fleeing oppression and war globally. MSF provides

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emergency medical aid worldwide in crisis and war zones and after natural disasters. The international organization helps quickly, efficiently and unbureaucratically - without asking about the origin, religion or political conviction of the people affected. Further information and direct ways to donate at: artistsatrisk.org and aerzte-ohne-grenzen.de.

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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. The gallery team is convinced that the particular perceptions these artists have allow them to create art of high authenticity. The exhibitions present works by "outsiders" as an important position in contemporary art. The aim is to stimulate an active discourse with the established art world. Located in the Kunsthof on Oranienburger Straße, the gallery positions works by outsider artists in the middle of the Berlin art scene.

Galerie ART CRU Berlin is backed by the association PS art e.V. Berlin, a network of various psychosocial institutions.

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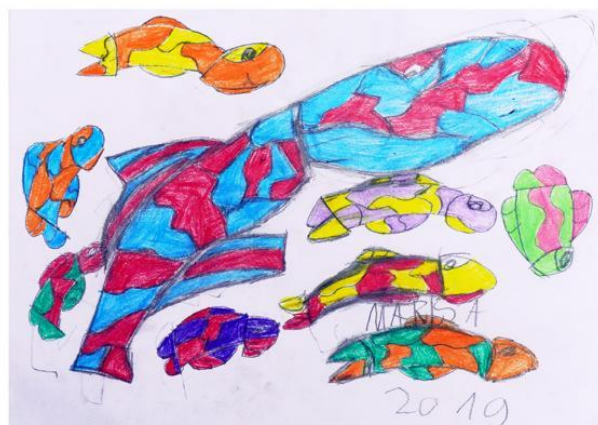
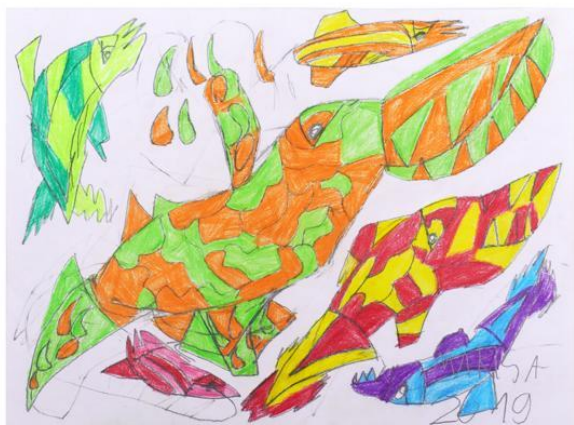
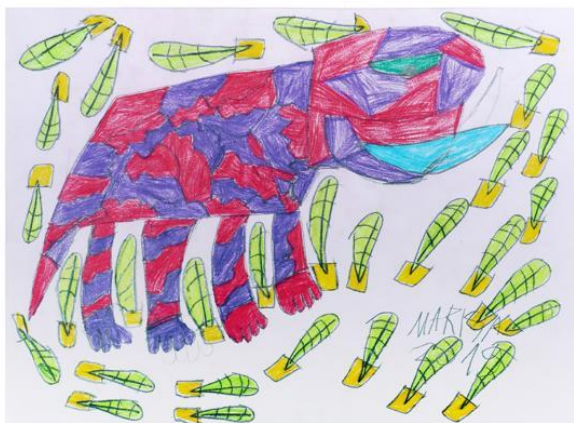
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Marisa Krolikowski, untitled, 2019, colored pencil, pencil, series: 6 pieces, each 21x28

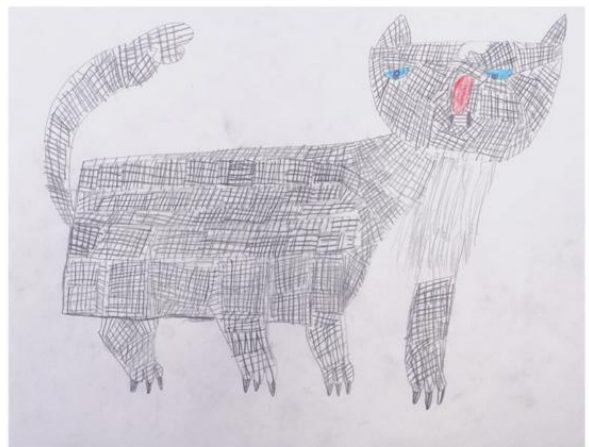
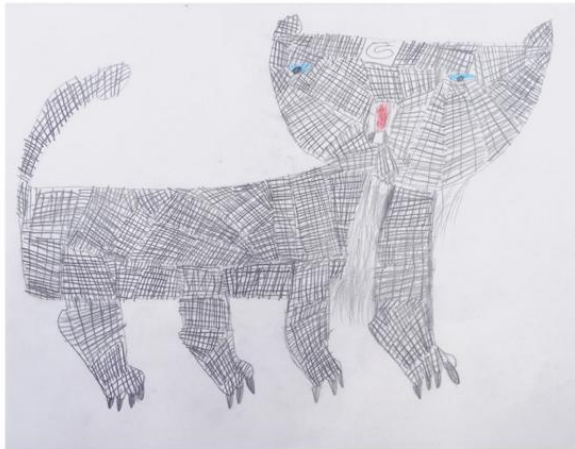
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Marisa Krolkowski, untitled, 2019, colored pencil, pencil, series: 6 pieces, each 20x26

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Marisa Krolkowski, untitled, 2019, colored pencil, pencil, 30x42



M.K., untitled, 2018, colored pencil, pencil, 42x30



M.K., untitled, 2022, colored pencil, pencil, 42x30

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