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RALPH SCHUMACHER BÜHNEN:BILDER

Duration: 18.04.–28.06.2024
Vernissage: Th 18.04.2024, 6-8 pm
Greetings: Ivan Nenchev, Kurator, Galerie ART CRU Berlin
Introduction: Birgit Monteiro, Chairwoman, Kaspar Hauser Stiftung
Daniel Buczko, Group leader, Kaspar Hauser Stiftung
Opening hours: Tu & Th noon-6 pm, We & Fr 2-6 pm and by appointment
Venue: Galerie ART CRU Berlin, Oranienburger Str. 27, 10117 Berlin-Mitte

Gallery Weekend 2024: Sa 27.04. & Su 28.04.2024, 2-6 pm (special opening hours)

Galerie ART CRU Berlin is presenting the first solo exhibition by **Ralph Schumacher**, who was born in Berlin in 1972. The colorful drawings oscillate between reduction and abundance, empty spaces and richness of detail, loud stories and touching silence. For **Gallery Weekend Berlin 2024** the gallery offers special opening hours on Sat. 27.04. and Sun. 28.04.2024 from 2-6 pm.

Ralph Schumacher admires nature and the arts. With his works, he allows us to participate in his world. Lively scenes on stages and in gardens emerge before our eyes. Most of the works were created in the arts group at the Kaspar Hauser Stiftung between 2016 and 2022. He has also been working in the foundation's garden house since 2022. He was previously a member of the ensembles of Theater Thikwa and Ramba Zamba Theater, where he appeared on stage many times. Visitors can now experience this varied artistic background in the works selected for the exhibition. A prominent feature when looking at the pictures is the artist's decision to fill the page - or not to fill it. Some pictures are evenly composed, but most of them thrive on the expressive contrast of detailed microcosms that cover only a small part of the picture and larger "open spaces" that the artist either leaves completely white or defines them with a few weightless lines thrown onto the page. By deliberately using these empty spaces, he naturally focuses all the more on his microcosms, which inspire the viewer in scenes full of depth of content, color compositional density and creative storytelling. His sensitivity for space, light and stage design leads us from one scene to the next. Whether on a walk in the city, a visit to the farm or a vacation on the Baltic Sea, the intrigue of the play is fascinating. Every detail is important in this production. A peony. A house number. A street lamp. The shape of the roof. A small wind turbine. Many things become very clear and enlighten us, while others remain an incomprehensible mystery in this drawn dedication to art, play and nature.

The exhibition is curated by Ivan Nenchev and Klementína Knezlová.

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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. In 2022, the gallery was awarded the Ulrike-Fritze-Lindenthal Prize for its inclusive work, the destigmatization award of the German Association for Psychiatry, Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics (DGPPN).

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Untitled, 2021, colored pencil and pencil, 70x50



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Blitz+Donner, ein Bauernhaus, die Berge, verboten, schwarze Tone und ein Muster,
2019, colored pencil and pencil, 70x50



Hotel mit Badewanne und Vollpension, undated, colored pencil and pencil, 51x38

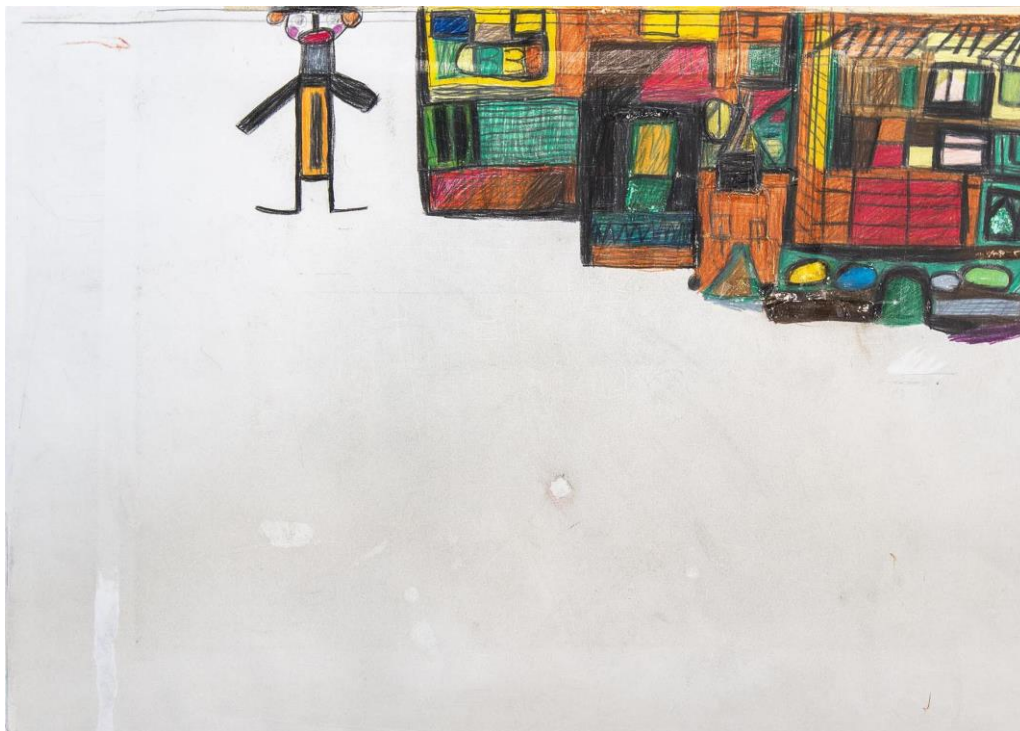
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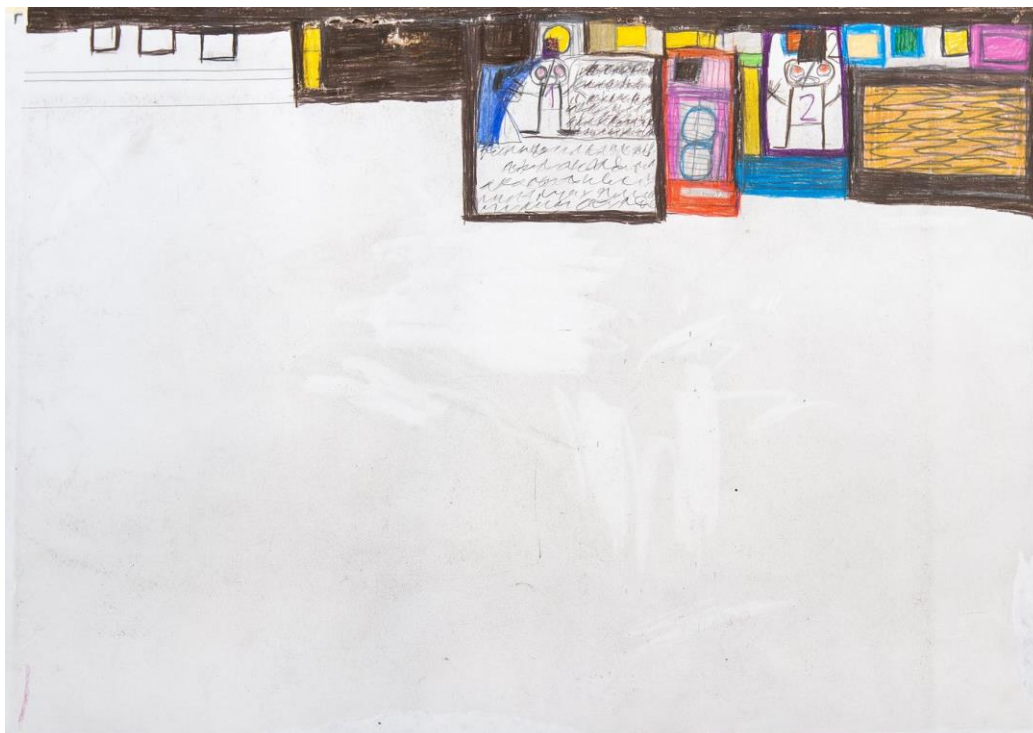
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