

Show: a folia

Artist: Sofia Viol

Duration: June 5 – August 7, 2022

Space: Ch'ien Chien, Nørrebro

“a folia” is the first exhibition in Denmark by elusive Swedish painter Sofia Viol. In her oil on linen paintings, Sofia merges abstract patterns with realist yet unlikely figures, personal stories with art historical references, quotes from contemporary urban culture with a studio in the woods - and a studio practice whose soundtrack of baroque harpsichords produces paintings with motifs and gestures akin to an awkwardly contemporary mannerism.

The show takes place at Ch'ien Chien, a space run by writer and artist Henning Lundkvist out of his living room in Nørrebro, Denmark. Henning has written several texts accompanying Sofia's shows since she again started to exhibit in 2020, after a 10-year hiatus. The textual framing for “a folia” is minimal, however, reduced to an emoji-like image of a jester's hat and the carefully chosen name of the show - a name coinciding with that of a remarkable musical theme with its roots in 15<sup>th</sup> century rural Portugal. Literally meaning “madness”, empty-headedness or “folly”, the tune got its name after how Portuguese peasants were said to dance like crazy to the tune.

Sofia Viol lives in Rö, Sweden.

List of works:

"3,500 Years", oil on linen, 105x85cm, 2021

"The Thief", oil on linen, 120x90cm, 2022

"Poker Fingers", oil on linen, 30x25cm, 2022

"Historical Wink", oil on linen, 80x60cm, 2022

"Tight", oil on linen, 70x70cm, 2022