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L21 Residency

Arxiduc Lluís Salvador, 100
07004 Palma
Islas Baleares, Spain

Simon Demeuter: Pleasure to burn

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L21 Gallery presents the second show of its new exhibition space, an extension of L21 Residency, in Palma (Mallorca-Spain).

- New exhibition concept! The exhibition is viewable from outside, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- After a first solo exhibition with Fanny Brodar, who was an artist-in-residency last March, this second project is carried out by SIMON DEMEUTER, represented artist of the gallery.
- The new exhibition space at L21 Residency starts from the need to show the artist's creative processes that takes place during their residency in Palma.

The new exhibition "Pleasure to burn" by Belgian Paris-based artist Simon Demeuter, presents a new series of paintings, specifically created for this exhibition.

In them, we can see the recurring motif of the cowboy, already present in previous series, but from a new approach inspired by imagery s and popular culture from the seventies.

His paintings, which always exude a nostalgic air, experiment on this occasion with new techniques such as applying paint with his fingers, achieving a peculiar, blurred effect. Its yet mysterious scenes are here amplified by the smoky atmospheres that characterise this new series.

Simon Demeuter (b. 1991, Soignies, Belgium) lives and works in Paris. His painting practice is inspired on childhood memories as well as from travels and encounters... His imagery conveys both an inner landscape as references to Folk Art, the Impressionists, cinema or music. Colour is the artist's primordial tool to evoke an emotion, an impression, a sensation, a mood or a physical or mental state. Compositions and sceneries are repainted endlessly, with gestural variations in colour, size and through

imperfections. In doing so, Simon tries to unearth the trace of an emotion in the simplest and most stripped way.

[\[You can read a complete interview with the artists and bio in the press kit\]](#)

NEW TIMES AT L21 RESIDENCY

Since 2018, the L21 Residency program offers accommodation and studio space to its participating artists.

The residence space is now located on Calle Arxiduc Lluís Salvador in Palma and offers a platform from which to actively participate in the production of works of art, promote research and 'site specific' projects.

The L21 residency program also seeks to establish links with agents and centers of the local art scene, strengthening ties with the gallery team and establishing collaborations for future projects.

On April 5, 2023, we began a new stage of the L21 Residency project, including an exhibition space, visible from the street, which allows the development of creative processes to be shown to a wider public. The project opened with the exhibition "Tropical Cappuccino" by the artist **Fanny Brodar** ([web link](#)).

Next guests:

- May 12 - June 15: **Alejandro Leonhardt**.

The Chilean artist travels to Palma to work on his new exhibition UNBOXING at L21 Palma starting June 8.

- Jun 19 - Jul 10: **Bat-Ami Rivlin**.

The artist has been invited to present a *site-specific* intervention at L21 Residency (dates TBC).

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