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Giants (group show)

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(GALLERY) LIVOURNE 35

We are pleased to announce **Giants**, a group exhibition featuring 16 Belgian and international artists, which will take place from **22 February to 30 March 2024** at **Livourne 35**.

At the inception of the ironically titled **Giants**, the idea emerged to ask multiple artists from the gallery, and some invited artists to present a single small-sized painting for the show.

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Small-sized works. They often hold a special place in the hearts of collectors. Cherished like small gems easily held in one's hand, moved or hung without assistance. This tactile sensitivity allows for a more immediate correspondence, giving way to a personal and intimate dialogue with the object.

Bestowed by the artists, an essence of intimacy occasionally permeates these works, as their particular format appears to lend itself to more delicate unveilings. Sometimes intimate pieces, or at times intended for the creation of monumental formats, which they serve as preparatory works. They can otherwise embrace a more experimental intent, the small format as a space for experimentation, exploration, taking risks, or venturing.

Frequently denied museum-grade stature, these artworks nevertheless hold a distinct place in the artist's mind and often lay the groundwork for a comprehensive understanding of their body of work.

Beyond these diverse evocations, it is mainly the intimate aspect and the sensitive connection to the small-format work that we aspire to celebrate through this exhibition.

Artists

Cornelia Baltés (b. 1978, Mönchengladbach, Germany. Lives and works in Berlin, Germany)

Alvaro Barrington (b. 1983 in Caracas, Venezuela. Lives and works in London, UK and New York, NY USA)

Genesis Belanger (b. 1978 in Massachusetts, USA. Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY USA)

Roger-Edgar Gillet (1924 – 2004. Born in Paris, France. Lived and worked in Paris and Saint-Malo, France)

Louise Giovanelli (b. 1993 in London, UK. Lives and works in Manchester, UK)

Matthew Hansel (b. 1977 in West Virginia, USA. Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY USA)

Sanam Khatibi (b. 1979, Belgian with Iranian heritage. Lives and works in Brussels, Belgium)

Chris Martin (b. 1954 in Washington D.C., USA. Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY USA)

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Patrizio di Massimo (b. 1983 in Jesi, Italy. Lives and works in London, UK)

Alvin Ong (b. 1988 in Singapore. Lives and works in Singapore and London, UK)

Nicolas Party (b. 1980 in Lausanne, Switzerland. Lives and works in New York, NY USA)

Tom Poelmans (b. 1984 in Belgium. Lives and works in Antwerp, Belgium)

Emily Mae Smith (b. 1979 in Austin, TX USA. Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY USA)

Gert & Uwe Tobias (b. in 1973 in Brasov, Romania. Live and work in Cologne, Germany)

Léon Wuidar (b. 1938 in Liège, Belgium. Lives and works in Liège, Belgium)