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Isabella Ducrot More and more

Opening: 12.09.2024, 18:00-21:00 Exhibition: 13.09. – 21.11.2024

We are pleased to announce *More and more*, the third solo exhibition of the Italian artist Isabella Ducrot at Galerie Mezzanin.

In the course of the preparations for the exhibition, Karin Handlbauer asked the artist if she would like to share a few lines with us about her new and very personal works.

Consequently, we are honoured and very touched that Isabella Ducrot herself wrote the following text for our show:

I am trying to win my fear of loneliness with books and works of art. They are not enough, since we need, I need, more friends, more friendship, more talks, more words to nourish my demand of presences.

My sensibilities ask for never enough quantities of friends, sympathizers and lovers. Our greed, my greed, demand "more and more" of everything.

My working activities try to calm myself, their function is to tell me : "Yes! you exist and are also nice, the cats and dogs love you, and the sun wants to comfort your need of warm."

Some time my life offers me this kind of messages and during short days I am satisfied. But not for a long time... Suddendly the need of a smile pushes me in the crowd, looking around, searching for a kind of answer, a dialogue, a conversation to announce : "you are, you are …"

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Isabella Ducrot's work was and is the subject of recent solo exhibitions, such as her show TESSERE È UMANO. Isabella Ducrot... e le collezioni tessili del Museo delle Civiltà at the Museo delle Civiltà, Rome, Profusione at le Consortium, Dijon and her installation, titled Big Aura featured at the Dior Haute Couture SS 2024 runway show at the Musée Rodin, Paris. Further solo shows include MAXXI Taormina, 2023, Art Basel Unlimited, Basel 2022, San Giuseppe alle Scalze a Pontecorvo, Napoli 2021, Spazio Parlato, Palermo 2018 and Museo Archeologico Nazionale di Napoli, Naples 2015.

In 2014 Ducrot had a major exhibition at the Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea in Rome and participated at the Venice Biennales in 2011and 1993.

Ducrot has presented solo exhibitions at Petzel Gallery, New York, Gisela Capitain, Cologne, Sadie Coles, London and Standard (Oslo), Oslo.

Group exhibitions include The Drawing Centre Show (curated by Franck Gautherot, Seungduk Kim, Tobias Pils & Joe Bradley) Le Consortium, Dijon 2022, Museo Carlo Bilotti Aranciera di Villa Borghese, Rome, Villa Lontana, Rome, both 2021 and Standard (Oslo) 2020, among others. Isabella Ducrot is also the author of numerous publications, including Twenty-Two Places of the Soul 2022, Women's Life 2021, La stoffa a quadri 2019, and La Matassa Primordiale 2008.

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Showcase



Isabella Ducrot *Surprise XXVI*, 2024 pigments, paper, collages, fabrics and China ink on textile 131 x 121 cm

Main space



Isabella Ducrot *Surprise XXIII*, 2024 pigments, paper, collages, fabrics and China ink on textile 111 x 103 cm



Isabella Ducrot *Surprise XXIV*, 2024 pigments, paper, collages, fabrics and China ink on textile 111 x 102 cm



Isabella Ducrot *Surprise XXV*, 2024 pigments, paper, collages, fabrics and China ink on textile 120 x 131 cm



Isabella Ducrot *Surprise XXIX*, 2024 pigments, paper, collages, fabrics and China ink on textile 105 x 108 cm



Isabella Ducrot *Surprise XXVIII*, 2024 pigments, paper, collages, fabrics and China ink on textile 120 x 133 cm



Isabella Ducrot *Surprise XXX*, 2024 pigments, paper, collages, fabrics and China ink on textile 130 x 120 cm



Isabella Ducrot *Surprise XXVII*, 2024 pigments, paper, collages, fabrics and China ink on textile 113 x 103 cm



Isabella Ducrot *Surprise XXXI*, 2024 pigments, paper, collages, fabrics and China ink on textile 131 x 66 cm

Office



Isabella Ducrot Eros with gold hair, 2005 pastels and pigments on Chinese paper 104 x 104 cm



Isabella Ducrot *Eros*, 2005 pastel on paper 53 x 101 cm



Isabella Ducrot *Reginella*, 1998 acrylic and textile on paper 153×102 cm