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Viktors Svikis *mood swings*

Pop-Up Exhibition

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Opening: Thursday, October 23, 2025, 6–9 PM

Location: Kunsthandel Stock, Alser Strasse 26, 1090 Vienna

Exhibition Dates: October 23 – November 22, 2025

Opening Hours: Tuesday – Friday: 11 AM – 5 PM, Saturday: 9 AM – 12 PM

A pop-up exhibition by galerie michaela stock in Vienna's Alsergrund district.

With a keen sensitivity to nuance and atmosphere, Latvian artist Viktors Svikis explores a delicate interplay between inner experience, social observation, and quiet irony in his exhibition *mood swings*. Painted entirely in 2025, his oil works navigate a spectrum of melancholic depth, everyday symbolism, and subtle reflections on contemporary life.

The centerpiece, *The Mood*, presents a dark, elusive object affixed to the wall with a strip of tape marked "Handle with care – glass." In its silent presence, the painting distills a central motif in Svikis' work: the tension between constraint and freedom, between tangible form and the invisible terrain of inner states. It stands as an allegory of existential limitation – the force that cannot escape, and the fragility that carries it all.

Other works in the series bring opposing elements into dialogue: a crouching woman studies a note bearing a childlike heart emoji, while the surrounding scene is rendered in meticulous naturalistic detail. Playfulness intersects with analytical observation, intimacy meets subtle irony, and spontaneity engages with deliberate composition. The paintings invite viewers into moments where perception, emotion, and expression are not merely observed, but experienced and reflected upon.

Svikis' visual language remains deliberately open-ended: his works resonate with contrasts – abundance and restraint, tension and release, humor and melancholy, reflection and critique. Together, they create a quiet, compelling presence, prompting viewers to question their own perceptions and inner states.

Short Biography – Viktors Svikis

Viktors Svikis (*1978, Riga, Latvia) lives and works in Vienna. He studied painting and drawing at the Latvian Academy of Art in Riga and art history at the University of Vienna. His work moves between figurative representation, surreal elements, and pop-cultural references. In his oil paintings and ink drawings, Svikis develops a powerful presence that makes inner states, ambivalences, and social tensions visible.

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Image 1:

Viktors Svikis

The Mood / Die Stimmung, 2025

Oil on canvas, stretcher frame, 60 x 50 cm

Image 2:

Viktors Svikis

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Oil on canvas, stretcher frame, 120 x 100 cm

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