

Viktors Svikis
BIG ESCAPE
30.3. - 29.4.2023

POP UP Location
Frameshop & Kunsthandel Stock, Alser Strasse 26, 1090 Vienna

opening event: Thursday, 30.3.2023, 6 - 9 pm
The artist will be present.

Sviki's Pop Cabinet

The Latvian artist, Viktors Svikis, lives and works in Vienna and he shows his universe in large oil paintings - or is it just an exit strategy to find a safe (escape) route from reality. The exhibited works tell of isolation that surrounds people. Without judging, he tries to analyze what moves humanity and what world they are exposed to. The pictorial motif and the direct language in our society and their mutual, medial relations and demarcations are questioned. BIG ESCAPE gives not the answer in which direction one can flee and if there exists a possible solution to escape.

With the finesse of an old master who uses pop-cultural language, Viktors Svikis paints collage-like everyday situations with varied and sometimes confusing themes, and he amalgamates alienating motifs and realities with subversive humor. The artist shows a shrill, colorful world: "Superman down with a pug, an isolated little girl in front of a wall, bird flu is staged with Hitchcock`s birds, Hello Kitty is no longer so pugnacious, atom bomb with baby face and Mary Stuart reloaded."

The excellent classical training as painter in Latvia helps Svikis to show a virtuoso play with the possibilities of his language. His paintings stand between sculptural physicality, graffiti, and striking display signs. All pictorial levels together create a multi-dimensionality, this allows artworks to vibrate in moving suspension in terms of content and form. This also makes up his contemporary approach which is not based on him following modern trends but rather draws its inspiration from a current blend between virtual and natural reality as well as a combination of various levels of realities and their mechanisms.

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Photo material:



Viktors Svikis
OMG!, 2022
Oil on canvas, 80 x 70 cm



Viktors Svīkis
Mary Stuart, 2023
Oil on canvas, 130 x 170 cm



Viktors Svīkis
to kill the dragon, 2022
Oil on canvas, 170 x 130 cm