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Enrico Bach | *Shortcuts*

9 June – 8 July 2023

Opening

Friday, 9 June 2023, 6 – 9 pm

We are pleased to present *Shortcuts*, Enrico Bach's second solo show at galerie burster berlin.

Detached from any reference to concrete representationalism, Bach's motifs are reflections on fundamental questions of pictorial architecture: in his pictorial compositions, depth meets colour surface painting, and two-dimensionality meets spatial constructions.

The exhibition shows large-format works whose compositions are characterised by the division of the pictorial space into two halves. A *picture-within-a-picture* principle in which each side stands on its own and yet corresponds with the other half. In this way, the layered colour and pattern surfaces create the illusion of a more or less deep space. At the same time, Bach leaves behind the conventional compositional pattern of a centred motif: the edge of the picture, the background and the interfaces become depth-giving levels, which meet monochrome, but not homogeneous elements.

In dialogue with this, Bach shows small-format works that are strung together like a narrative thread. While some of the motifs appear precise and controlled, others seem experimental and spontaneous – almost playfully revealing the painterly process. One could think that the motifs show sketches or key moments of his large-format paintings – *shortcuts*, in other words, a shortened form of presentation of the actual thing.

But anyone who thinks that these motifs are less powerful is mistaken, because taking shortcuts means first and foremost: breaking new ground.

Enrico Bach (*1980, Leipzig) completed his master's degree in 2011 at the Staatliche Akademie der Bildenden Künste Karlsruhe under Prof. Gustav Kluge. His works have been shown at the Guangdong Museum of Arts, Guangzhou, Start Museum Shanghai, the Staatliche Kunsthalle Karlsruhe, the Würth Collection, Schwäbisch Hall, Sammlung Ritter, Waldenbuch, KUNSTWERK Klein Collection, Eberdingen-Nussdorf and the Staatsgalerie in Stuttgart. Enrico Bach lives and works in Karlsruhe.

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Opening hours: Wednesday – Friday 12 – 6 pm | Saturday 12 – 4 pm and by appointment.