

PRESS RELEASE

**galerie burster** berlin

Simon Pfeffel | *Sisyphos*

12 – 14 October 2023

Opening & Performance

Thursday, 12 October 2023, 6 – 9 pm

In his performative works, which mostly take place in public space, Simon Pfeffel explores his physical and mental limits. Detached from the closed exhibition space, he uses the public space as a workshop for his interactions, breaks up the distribution of roles between viewers and participants, and allows passers-by, observers, voyeurs, or participants to become part of his performances, which often last several hours.

The basis of movement in Pfeffel's performances is formed by persistent actions, often of everyday origin, in powerful but also painful gestures. The hours-long duration of his performative actions and consciously created relationships of dependency give rise to a fragile tension between physical and mental endurance and the danger of failure.

In his intervention *Sisyphos*, Simon Pfeffel will perform in the space of the galerie burster berlin on the day of the opening a visually powerful and yet reduced performance. Accompanying the exhibition are two drawings on paper, which refer motivically to the performance.

Most recently, Pfeffel's performances and works were shown at the Sprengel Museum Hannover, Museum of Modern Art Moscow, Palais de Tokyo Paris, ZKM Karlsruhe, Museum für Neue Kunst Freiburg and Kunstmuseum Singen. Simon Pfeffel received the prestigious Hannes Malte Mahler Prize in 2022 and the Förderpreis der Kunststiftung Rainer Wild der Kunsthalle Mannheim (shortlist) in 2021. Pfeffel received, among others, a scholarship from the Ministry of Science, Research and Art Baden-Württemberg, the Kunststiftung Baden-Württemberg, as well as a scholarship from the state of Baden-Württemberg for the Cité Internationale des Arts Paris. Simon Pfeffel (\*1985 in Nuremberg, lives in Baden-Württemberg) studied at the Staatlichen Akademie der Bildenden Künste under Prof. Leni Hoffmann.

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