

PRESS RELEASE

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UdK Berlin Art Award

Finja Sander | Mateo Contreras Gallego | Shinoh Nam | Seungjun Lee

Opening

Thursday, 19 October 2023, 18 – 21 Uhr

Group Show

20 October – 4 November 2023

The team of galerie burster is pleased to present in cooperation with the UdK Berlin the winners of the UdK Berlin Art Award Finja Sander, Mateo Contreras Gallego, Shinoh Nam and Seungjun Lee in a joint group exhibition. This will be followed by solo exhibitions of each of the award winners. Starting in 2023, the UdK Berlin Art Award will be offered annually in the Faculty of Fine Arts and in the Art and Media program at the Faculty of Design at the UdK Berlin. Under the chairmanship of the president, the jury, which is made up of well-known people from Berlin's art and cultural life as well as professors from the UdK Berlin, will award the prize to four master's students from the same year. The prize includes a joint exhibition, a solo exhibition and a monographic catalog for the prize winners. The UdK Berlin Art Award continues the tradition of the Preis des Präsidenten der UdK Berlin, awarded from 1997 – 2022.

Finja Sander

8 – 11 November 2023

Opening Wednesday, 8 November 2023, 6 – 9 pm

Finja Sander chooses the medium of performance as a recurring constant. In her works she searches for breaks and ambivalences in the everyday, for unconscious automatisms, repetitive, societal patterns, which she isolates and brings into new contexts within multi-part, multimedia processes. Her performances have been shown at the Barlach Museums, Güstrow (2023), the Museum für Fotografie, Berlin (2021), and the Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin (2021), among others. Sander graduated in the summer of 2022 with a master's degree in fine arts from the UdK Berlin in the class of Valérie Favre. She lives and works in Berlin.

Mateo Contreras Gallego

15 – 18 November 2023

Opening Wednesday, 15 November 2023, 6 – 9 pm

Mateo Contreras Gallego uses photography, videos and installations as media for his artistic work. He is fascinated by the exploration of visual as well as narrative motifs of absence. He encounters phenomena such as farewell, abandonment and death in his everyday experiences and those of his Colombian relatives with their religious and mystical beliefs. In his works, scenes emerge in which space and light form a relationship of tension and reveal a longing. Contreras Gallego is from Bogotá, Colombia, and graduated in 2022 with a master's degree in fine arts from the UdK Berlin in Ursula Neugebauer's class. He is currently a guest lecturer at the Institute for Art in Context at the UdK Berlin.

Shinoh Nam

22 – 25 November 2023

Opening Wednesday, 22 November 2023, 6 – 9 pm

Shinoh Nam's work explores the fragmentation and collapse of architecture. Real buildings appear as artifacts in Nam's work. His works create philosophical moments and draw on materials that transform over time. In the contemplation of his work, an individual and unique architecture emerges that reflects and questions social absurdities and dogmas. Nam was born in South Korea and graduated in 2022 from the UdK Berlin as a master student in the class of Monica Bonvicini. His works have been exhibited at the Kunsthalle Bauhaus in Dessau, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Berlin, Karma International in Zurich and the Darmstädter Sezession in Darmstadt.

Seungjun Lee

29 November – 2 December 2023

Opening Wednesday 29 November 2023, 6 – 9 pm

Seungjun Lee's work explores the question of what memory is, how we respond to it, and what memories we collectively relate to. Lee's art moves between reality and retrospectivity, always attempting to find further access to his own being. In conversation with his own memory, Lee embarks on a search for a place to which he always returns. Dust is a recurring medium in his work that is connected to reality as well as the past. With dust and sand, Lee creates a house, a space of his memory. This loses its form over time and is finally nothing more than sand, an unconsolidated sediment. Seungjun Lee was born in South Korea and graduated in 2022 with a master's degree in fine arts from the UdK Berlin in the class of Thomas Zipp.

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