

Opening of the exhibition 'Reflective' by Dirk Salz

The Gallery Víctor Lope Arte Contemporáneo announces the opening of its new exhibition the next Thursday 2nd of November at 7 pm: 'Reflective' by the German artist Dirk Salz. The event will be attended by the artist.

In 'Reflective' Dirk Salz presents a selection of his abstract artworks which contain geometrically formed structures lying hidden beneath their surfaces - as if "under water". These are extremely shiny, reflective even, sealed with varnish on the outside, and thus, at the same time, they translocate both environments and viewers to their insides. They do reflect their surroundings - but this is determined by what is inside them.

These paintings - if we may simply refer to pieces by Dirk Salz as "paintings" - actually do indicate a very real depth. It results from the specific painting material that Salz has been using for years now. His painting method does not have much in common with the traditional notion of applying paint with a brush to a picture carrier such as canvas, wood, or paper. Instead he distributes a certain number (or none at all) of more or less thick layers of epoxy resin enriched with paint pigments upon multiplex boards. Epoxy resin is a transparent material. This has the effect that the gaze actually penetrates the picture, traversing a real spatial depth of several millimeters. When the material is drying it also forms a hard, for the most part smooth, surface that strongly reflects the light.

What the artist wants, is to encourage, even force, the viewer to take a closer and longer look. An effect he gets thanks to the technique he uses. We discover then the composition as well as the colors from the piece. At first glance, it is hard to tell which lines, forms and levels of brightness "belong to the painting" at all, and which of them are "mere" reflections. So as to be able to sharply distinguish them, it is in turn necessary to move about, viewing the piece from different distances and angles.

Born in Bochum (Germany), Dirk Salz started his artistic career in 2000. From that moment onwards, he has exhibited his work in different galleries from around the world, either solo or collective shows, in cities like Berlin, Wien, Toronto, Amsterdam and New York. Internationally, Salz has participated in prestigious art fairs in collaboration with the Gallery Victor Lope such as SWAB Art Fair Barcelona 2017 or YIA International Art Fair Paris 2017.

The exhibition will be carried out until Thursday 28th of December.

'Reflective'

From November 2nd to December 28th

Opening: November 2nd at 7 p.m.

Opening hours:

Monday: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday to Friday: 11 a.m to 2 p.m. / 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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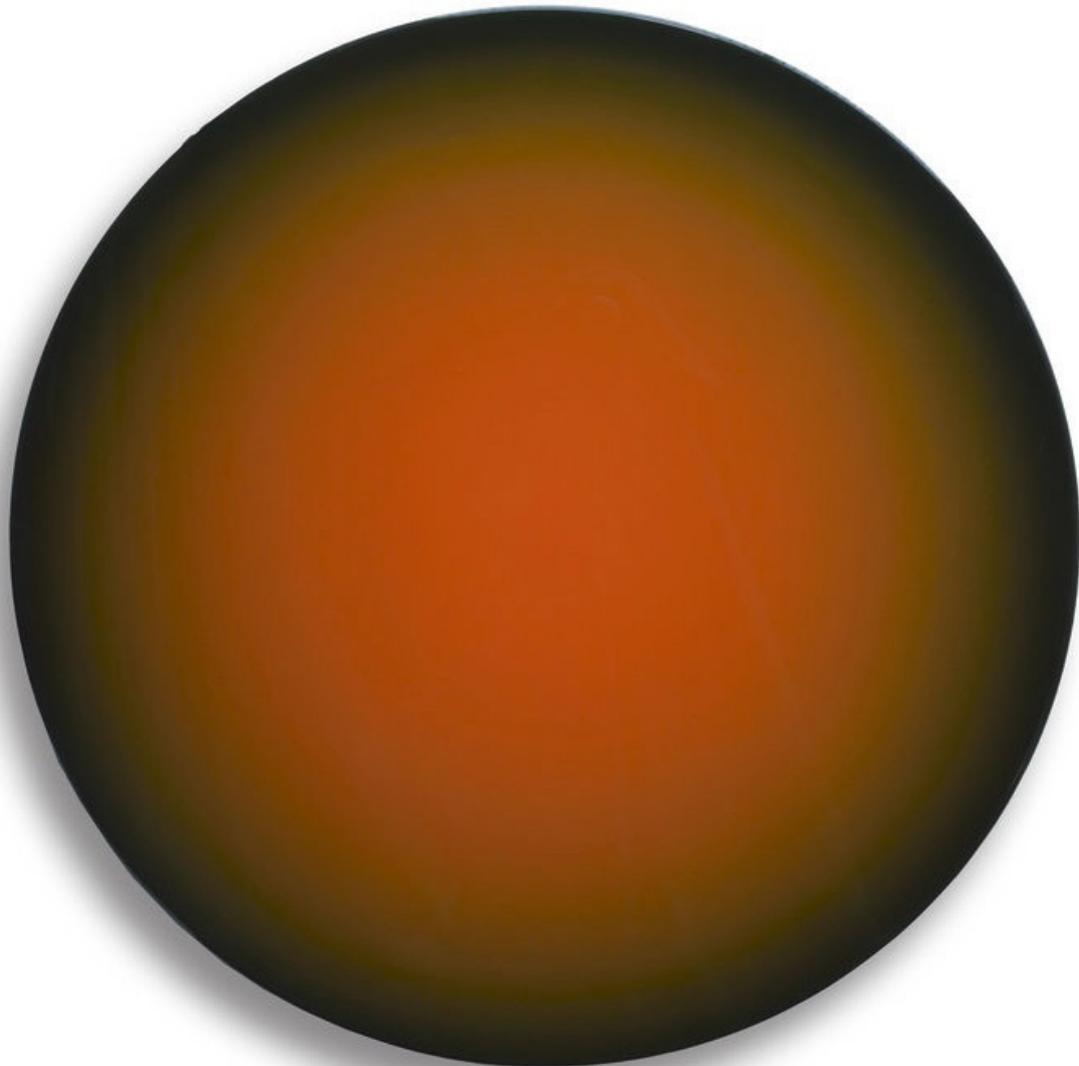
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Dirk Salz
#2281
t=6, Ø90 cm
Pigments and resin on multiplex
2017



Dirk Salz
#2269
100 x 180 x 12 cm
Pigments and resin on multiplex
2017

ABOUT THE GALLERY

Victor Lope Arte Contemporáneo works to promote both established artists and emerging talent. Founded in Barcelona in 2009, the gallery organizes between 8 to 10 one man shows as well as group exhibitions curated by different experts. It also participates in several art fairs and curates art projects like Ars et Scientia in Teknon center, Barcelona.

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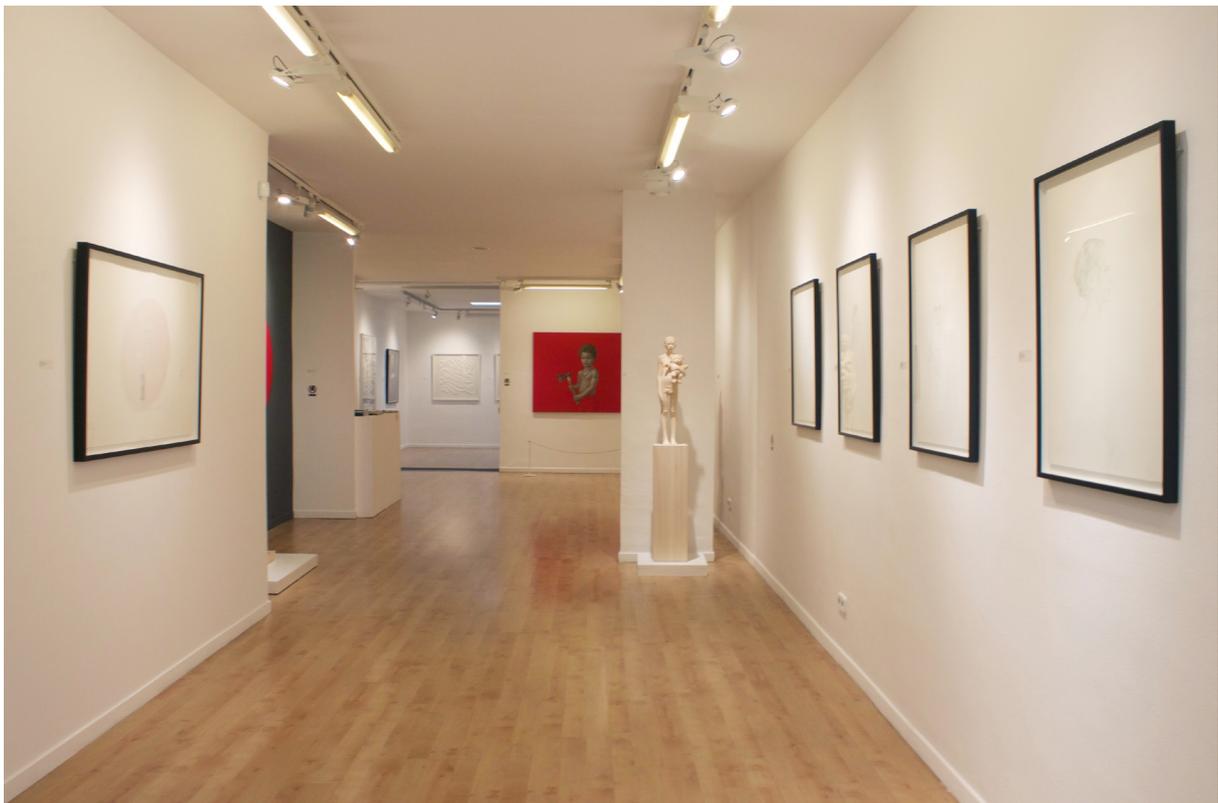
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View of the gallery