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PRESS RELEASE

BERLIN MASTERS 2014

September 6 – 13, 2014

Opening: Friday, September 5, 7 - 10 p.m.

ARNDT is pleased to present **BERLIN MASTERS 2014** from September 6 to 13, 2014. It is the second edition of the exhibition series which was successfully established in 2013 by Matthias Arndt, Lydia Korndörfer and Lisa Polten.

Acting as a prelude to the autumn which in Berlin will be filled with art events the group show brings the annual student exhibitions, the „Rundgänge“, of the two Berlin art schools back to mind: Works of the ten most promising master students of the Universität der Künste and the Kunsthochschule Berlin-Weißensee will be presented. In the period between university and self-employment the exhibition thereby creates a moment that Matthias Arndt describes as “possibility of a reality check” – an often first confrontation with the art market after graduation. From his twenty-year-long experience as a gallerist, Matthias Arndt understands “the gallery as first professional and critical panel which opens up new opportunities and new contacts for the upcoming artists.”

By uniting master students from different master classes and universities the current tendencies in art making become visible. Contentual intersections evolve through the common artistic treatment of motifs like the window and the grid, whereby the emphasis lies on concepts of space and time. Some pieces are designed especially for **BERLIN MASTERS 2014** and refer to general conditions as the duration of the exhibition or the gallery space, if not approaching space as an abstraction, as an immeasurable entity.

Based on the personal background of some artists, questions about the own cultural identity within an era characterized by the prefix “post” arise. Globalization and digitalization constantly determine stronger the personal life – an experience which finds its expression in art. The young artists use strategies of disguise and question virtual realities.

The show is curated by Lydia Korndörfer and Lisa Polten.

A brochure will be published to accompany the exhibition.

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ARTISTS

Paul Darius (KH Weißensee), Thea Drechsel (UdK), Ossian Fraser (KH Weißensee), Felix Kiessling (UdK), Fabian Knecht (UdK), EunHee Lee (UdK), Jeewi Lee (UdK), Johannes Regin (KH Weißensee), Verena Schmidt (UdK), Marc von der Hocht (UdK)

PROGRAM EVENTS

Friday, September 5, 2014, 5 – 10 p.m.: *Preview + Opening*

Preview: 5 – 7 p.m. (accreditation necessary | guided tour with curators: 5.30 p.m.)

Opening reception: 7 – 10 p.m.

After 10 p.m.: after show party at Kumpelnest with DJs Ulrike Brase, Daniel Völzke and Armin Keplinger

Saturday, September 13, 2014, 12 a.m. - ca. 2 p.m.: *With Felix Kiessling and Fabian Knecht through Berlin*

For Felix Kiessling and Fabian Knecht Berlin is not only centre of their life but also of their source of inspiration. After a guided tour through the show BERLIN MASTERS 2014 the artists will take you on a journey of discovery across the city. An unusual view of Berlin!

Organised by Niche Art & Architecture Tours Berlin

Registration: contact@nicheberlin.de (Keyword: Künstlertour)

Price: 24 Euro per person (minimum 10 persons)

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