

Press Release

Sandra Tröger

"Watch your Step!"

When: 05th April – 19th, 2020, 2 – 5 p.m.

Venue: Danube Studio, in the „Kulturmodell“ (Cultural Model), in Passau

As from April 5th to 19th, the renowned artist Sandra Tröger, exhibits her current work in the Kulturmodell in Passau.

In recent years, the graduate of the Munich Academy of Fine Arts, has mainly dealt with the topics of architecture and color. Sandra Tröger is inspired by the urban landscape. The artist, who lives in Lower Bavaria, goes on a great journey of discovery with her camera, filling and designing her inner sketchbook. Some of her captured images, fulfil their valid statement as photographs, some of these were transformed into paintings.

The architectural photographs often appear rather abstract: as viewers, we recognize rather familiar elements, such as stairs, but the perspective is usually chosen so that they trigger off a certain degree of alienation. Space and coloured areas are in the foreground, shades and references to spatiality – just like in her paintings – are secondary. Nevertheless, you can notice this space.

If the motifs become part of a painterly discussion, Sandra Tröger transfers the image structure to the canvas with just a few strokes. "From this moment on, architecture almost returns to its origin, the sketch," says the artist. The structure mentioned is only one aspect, there is also: the color to be taken into consideration.

The color tone emerges from the pure idea and develops directly on the canvas without any preliminary designs. Then the composition of the nuances begins: Sandra Tröger mixes pigments with binder, in order, to maintain the highest purity and luminosity of the color. This creates unique, non-repeating colors. Their interaction is of great importance. If a color does not match or suit into the overall picture, it is painted over again. In this way, there is a complex and time-consuming process behind each piece of work.

Sometimes, one could think of the American hard-edge art, which is also characterized by sharply contrasted colored areas. Sandra Tröger's paintings are not rational, emotionless without a recognizable brush style. Quite on the contrary. Her large-format paintings are a real sensual frenzy. In her painting process follows rigor after impulse or vice versa. Exact lines contrast with gestural, loosely painted areas. The results are extraordinary, energetic compositions.

The latest painterly and photographic works by Sandra Tröger can be seen under the title „Watch your Step!“, Sandra Tröger will be there in person to speak about her scope of works.

Commencement: official opening is Saturday, April 4th, 7 – 9 p.m.

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