

KÖNIG SEOUL

TREY ABDELLA
MIRRORS

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Trey Abdella notices the haunting bits of banality and the horror of the mundane in MIRRORS, his second solo show with KÖNIG GALERIE and his first at KÖNIG SEOUL. The title of the show functions as a double entendre as the six new works are both self-reflective and riddled with mirrored imagery.

The lines between painting, sculpture, and assemblage become blurred in Trey Abdella's work. The artist combines hyper realistic painting with moments of sculpted out resin and found objects as a play on illusionistic depth. Utilizing materials such as wigs, broken glass, resin, magic 8 balls, fake flowers, and functioning clocks.

In GROWING PAINS, his first solo show at KÖNIG GALERIE in Berlin in 2020, Abdella explored the shortcomings of the human condition, puberty and adulthood. MIRRORS focuses on the mundane horror of daily life honing in on the over-dramatization of the banal—such as driving through a downpour of rain in the middle of the night, waiting impatiently for someone to get ready, or getting caught in a lie.

Abdella keeps in mind a balance of narrative, both the pleasant and painful facets of suburban life. The painting 'In The Gutter', depicts a rain spout gushing water into a well landscaped lawn meanwhile in the distance a young boy is pinned down under the neighborhood bully. Storytelling is at the heart of Abdella's artistic practice, the works tell individual stories that operate almost as chapters in a book. "There is always trouble in happiness", Abdella says.

TREY ABDELLA (*1994) is an artist based in Brooklyn, NY. He graduated from the School of Visual Arts for his BFA and went on to get his masters from the New York Academy of Art. Abdella's work has been shown in several solo and group exhibitions in galleries throughout the United States and Europe. Among others, a solo show at T293 Gallery (2018) and group shows such as "Ultra Light Beams" at Mount Analogue, Seattle (2019) and "Universes 2" in The Garage, Amsterdam (2019). He was a fellow of the Leipzig International Art Programme in 2018 and served as the 2019-2020 Chubb post graduate fellow at the New York Academy of Art.

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The #10amseries with Trey Abdella and Soo Choi, Director of KÖNIG SEOUL, takes place on Instagram ([@koeniggalerie](https://www.instagram.com/koeniggalerie)) on August 8, 1 PM KST (Seoul) // August 8, 6 AM CEST (Berlin) // August 7, 12 AM EDT (New York)

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The artist is available for interviews.



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