

# Harris Lieberman

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**BERND RIBBECK**

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**Opening Reception: Saturday, April 4, 6-8 pm**

Harris Lieberman is delighted to announce an exhibition of new work by Bernd Ribbeck. This will be the artist's second solo exhibition at the gallery.

Bernd Ribbeck's work builds upon the geometric vocabulary and historical background of spiritual abstraction. Drawing from these influences, Ribbeck interlaces simple structures and color planes to produce images of faceted, seemingly infinite complexity. Confronted much like religious icons, these works speak to the possibility of the intangible, while their inherent material presence grounds the viewer in reality.

In this exhibition, Ribbeck presents a newly developed series of India Ink drawings. Composed primarily of interlocking geometric forms, these works speak to the symbolic potential of ornamentation. It is through these layers of ink washes that Ribbeck's drawings appear to glow from within; their quiet saturation and otherworldly luminosity remains physical, yet hauntingly meditative.

The exhibition also features a series of Ribbeck's paintings made of acrylic and pigmented marker on MDF board. These works as well as his drawings, reveal Ribbeck's additive and reductive process through his use of varying levels of color transparency, which offer the viewer a sense of spatial palimpsest.

Bernd Ribbeck was born in 1974 in Cologne. He graduated from the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf and currently lives and works in Berlin. In 2012, Ribbeck had solo shows both at Alison Jacques Gallery, London as well as Galerie Peter Kilchmann, Zurich. His work also recently appeared in such group exhibitions as *Made in Germany Zwei* at the Sprengel Museum in Hannover and *Algebraic Topology* at the Galería Casado Santapau in Madrid. He has also exhibited at *Manifesta*, Trentino; the Bonner Kunstverein; the Bielefelder Kunstverein and the Kunsthalle Düsseldorf.

Harris Lieberman is located at 508 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street, on the ground floor. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 6pm. For further information please contact the gallery at 212.206.1290 or by email at gallery@harrisliberman.com