

# SLEWE



## **Günter Tuzina** *Frühschnee*

Paintings & Works on Paper

1 March – 5 April 2025

Opening  
Saturday 1 March  
17-19 hrs

Slewe Gallery is pleased to announce the upcoming exhibition *Frühschnee* by German artist Günter Tuzina. The exhibition will open on Saturday March 1 and will last until April 5. With the exhibition the gallery celebrates its 25 years of collaboration with the artist.

The exhibition contains some new paintings and a selection of never shown works on paper from 2012 until now. Among them are his old lithographs that form a basis for new work. A large painting from 2002 will also be shown. It bears the title of the exhibition *Frühschnee*, which refers to a similar titled painting by Caspar David Friedrich. With this Tuzina shows his interest in revising and reinterpreting Friedrich's romantic, idealistic spirit.

Tuzina's very refined paintings and drawings show the legacy of the minimalist idiom of the 1960s and 1970s. His rectangular-shaped paintings, mainly in dark blue, red and green colors, resemble windows. They are cut by expressive horizontal, vertical, and diagonal lines. These lines and angles are not perfectly straight. It gives the work emotional meaning, a romantic expression. Also, you can see very clearly how the paintings are constructed. As Tuzina himself says: 'It is important to me that one sees the traces from how something is made.'

Günter Tuzina was born in 1951 in Hamburg (DE). He lives and works in Düsseldorf. His works have been internationally shown and collected by several important museum and public collections. His first museum show was in the Netherlands, at the Van Abbemuseum in Eindhoven in 1978, followed by a solo exhibition at the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam in 1983. In 1985 he was invited to an exhibition at the Kunstmuseum in The Hague, where he made a mural in the staircase. Since then, the Kunstmuseum collected his works over the years and has organized several exhibitions, such as in 2002, which also included a catalog with an overview of his oeuvre. Since 2000 he shows regularly at Slewe Gallery. In 2020 a comprehensive catalog, entitled *Welt*, was published by Slewe Gallery in collaboration with Salon Verlag, including texts by Rudi Fuchs and Ulli Seegers.

*Image: Günter Tuzina, Untitled, 2019, mixed media on paper on wood, 40 x 30 cm*

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