

KLARA KRISTALOVA
"UNDERWORLD"

February 27 - April 12, 2014
Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 6pm

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View of the exhibition "UNDERWORLD" by Klara Kristalova at Galerie Perrotin, New York, from February 27 to April 12, 2014.

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There is something fascinating about circuses, not the big productions kind, but the small family type that travel around the countryside. They aren't perfect but you get a sense that they really try; the kind of atmosphere were strange things can happen but we are still close to ordinary life.
 Klara Kristalova

Galerie Perrotin, New York is pleased to present "UNDERWORLD", its first solo exhibition by Klara Kristalova in New York and the artist's fourth solo show with Galerie Perrotin.

Klara Kristalova constructs a dark, odd, and yet familiar world. The characters that inhabit her universe are peculiar, alone, quiet, perhaps lost, as if they have just escaped from a cruel tale, waiting for a passer-by to stop and indicate the way. Made from glazed ceramics, Kristalova's figures carry a raw, vulnerable, human feel to them. Drawing from Nordic storytelling and traditional myths, Kristalova manages to convey basic human emotions such as fear, love, sadness and guilt, which emerge from her work like memories from our own childhood.

For her first exhibition at Galerie Perrotin, New York, Kristalova presents a series of new characters who form an ambiguous circus cast: performing acrobats, a bird with a

girl's face, a boy with mosquito wings, a magician's daughter. How they ended up together is for us to guess though don't be fooled by their seemingly innocent look. As with "Double Face", they all carry their own enigma of good and evil. Perhaps they deserve their fate; perhaps they are unaware of their own condition. Kristalova crafts their portraits at a specific moment of their mysterious lives, providing us with a few elements before the curtain drops and the show begins, leaving us to write the rest of our their narrative.

Kristalova was born in former Czechoslovakia in 1967 and moved to Sweden with her parents when she was only a year old. She studied at the Royal University College of Fine Art in Stockholm and lives in Norrtälje, Sweden. Recent exhibitions include the Göteborgs Konstmuseum, Sweden (2012), Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm (2012), San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (2011) and SITE Santa Fe, New Mexico (2009), among many others.

The exhibition "UNDERWORLD" will be on view at Galerie Perrotin, 909 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10021, Monday to Saturday (10am-6pm) and will be presented at the same time as another solo exhibition by Klara Kristalova, "BIG GIRL NOW" at Lehmann Maupin, 201 Chrystie Street, New York, NY 10002, from February 27 – April 26, 2014.



"Siren" 2014
 Glazed stoneware
 37 1/2 x 21 3/4 x 21 3/4 inches
 95 x 55 x 55 cm



"The Magician's Daughter" 2014
 Glazed stoneware
 48 1/32 x 14 3/4 x 13 inches
 122 x 37.5 x 33 cm



"Mariage" 2014
 Glazed stoneware
 49 x 19 1/4 x 13 3/4 inches
 24,5 x 49 x 35 cm (man)
 29 1/2 x 13 3/4 x 13 3/4 inches
 75 x 35 x 35 cm (bear)



"Doubleface" 2014
 Glazed stoneware
 Approx. 18 1/8 x 24 3/4 x 9 1/16 inches
 46 x 63 x 23 cm



"Owl Woman" 2014
 Glazed porcelain
 33 1/2 x 17 3/4 x 14 1/8 inches
 85 x 45 x 36 cm



"Birthmarks I" 2014
 Glazed stoneware
 11 x 8 3/4 x 10 1/4 inches
 28 x 22 x 26 cm



"Acrobats" 2014
 Glazed stoneware
 31 1/2 x 18 1/2 x 14 1/8 inches
 80 x 47 x 36 cm



"Remembering" 2014
 Glazed stoneware
 25 1/2 x 19 1/4 x 21 1/4 inches
 65 x 49 x 54 cm



"Mosquito Boy" 2014
 Glazed stoneware
 128 x 48 x 37 cm
 50 1/2 x 19 x 14 1/2 inches



"She's From the Woods" 2014
 Glazed stoneware
 26 3/4 x 15 x 19 1/4 inches
 68 x 38 x 49 cm



"Unicorn" 2014
 Glazed stoneware
 21 3/4 x 21 3/4 x 12 1/4 inches
 55 x 55 x 31 cm



"Acrobats" 2014



"Marriage" 2014

Born in 1967, Klara Kristalova lives and works in Norrtälje, Sweden.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (Selection)

- 2015** Broad Art Museum, East Lansing, USA (upcoming)
- 2014** "Underworld", Galerie Perrotin, New York, USA; "Big Girl Now" Lehmann Maupin, New York, USA; Hunt Kastner, Prague, Czech Republic (upcoming)
- 2013** Västerås Konstmuseum, Västerås, Sweden
- 2012** Bonniers Konsthall, Stockholm, Sweden ; Göteborgs Konstmuseum, Göteborg, Sweden; "Wild Thought", Galerie Perrotin, Paris, France
- 2011** "Sounds of Dogs and Youth", Lehmann Maupin Gallery, NY, USA ; "New Work: Tiago Carneiro da Cunha and Klara Kristalova", SFMOMA, San Francisco, USA
- 2010** Galleri Magnus Karlsson, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2009** Museum Site Santa Fe, USA ; "Where The Owls Spend Their Days", Galerie Alison Jacques, London, UK
- 2008** Frieze Art Fair booth, Galerie Perrotin, London, UK ; "Short Stories", Galerie Perrotin, Paris, France
- 2007** "Two dark holes and other stories", Galerie Perrotin, Miami, USA ; "Catastrophes and Other Everyday Events", Galleri Magnus Karlsson, Stockholm, Sweden ; "Visit", Härnösands Konsthall, Sweden
- 2004** Galleri Magnus Karlsson, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2002** Galleri Magnus Karlsson, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2000** Olle Olsson huset, Hagalund, Solna, Sweden
- 1999** Galleri PS, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 1998** Galleri Axel Mörner, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1996** Galleri TRE, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1995** Galleri PS, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 1994** Bror Hjorts hus, Uppsala, Sweden ; Galleri Mejlan, Stockholm, Sweden

GROUP SHOWS (Selection)

- 2011** "The magic of clay", Giholtgaard Muuseum, Holte, Danmark
- 2010** "Larger than life – Stranger than fiction", 11eme Fellbach Small Sculpture Triennial, Germany ; "The House In My Head", Kunsthallen Brandts, Odense, Danmark
- 2009** "Le Sang d'un poète", Biennale Estuaire Nantes / Saint-Nazaire (commissariat Frac des Pays de la Loire & Adam Budak), France ; "L'artiste sorcier", Fondation Salomon pour l'art contemporain, Annecy, France
- 2007** "An Expanded Field of Opportunities" Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, Santa Barbara, USA
- 2007** "Past, Present, Future Perfect: Selections from the Ovitz Family Collection", H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City, USA
- 2005** "Makers & Modelers: Works in Ceramic", Barbara Gladstone Gallery, New York, USA
- 2005** "Svensk Konst Nu", SAK on tour; Kalmar Konstmuseum, Konstens Hus, Luleå, Länsmuseum, Gävleborg, Skövde Konsthall, Sweden