

TIM VAN LAERE GALLERY

Adrian Ghenie

Tim Van Laere Gallery is pleased to announce the fourth solo exhibition by Adrian Ghenie (1977, Baia Mare, Romania) at the gallery. The exhibition features a new group of nine masterly paintings from Ghenie's "Van Gogh" series.

At first sight Adrian Ghenie's paintings deal with subjects that carry a historical set of references, but collective memory is constantly challenged by enigmatic prophetic actions, occulted and personal folds in the temporal linearity.

To quote the artist: 'What intrigued me about Van Gogh is this difference between the reality of his actual existence which was a complete nightmare from top to bottom and Van Gogh the cliché, which is a beautiful fantasy. I have kept an eye on this subject for a long time, since I discovered what Francis Bacon did with that painting of Van Gogh, 'On the Way to Tarascon' [...] I'm interested in figurative painting, not in the image, but rather in how to experiment with the figurative, to build it with different components. Because the figurative traditionally became conflated with this sort of imitation of reality, but it was the bricks you built this figurative representation with, that I wanted to change, so as to incorporate most of the research or experiments made in painting in the last century – from avant-garde to abstract expressionism – and with that, to create a new figurative.'

A future solo exhibition of Adrian Ghenie's work is planned to take place at the CAC Malaga, Malaga Spain. Recent solo exhibitions include: the Museum for Contemporary Art, Denver; S.M.A.K Museum, Ghent; the National Museum of Contemporary Art (MNAC), Bucharest. His work has been included in group exhibitions at the Palazzo Strozzi, Florence; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; the Francois Pinault Collection at Palazzo Grassi, Venice and the Liverpool Biennial. His works are represented in numerous international collections, including the SMAK, Ghent; M HKA, Antwerp; SF MoMA, San Francisco; Hammer Museum, Los Angeles; CAC Malaga. Adrian Ghenie lives and works in Cluj and Berlin.