

DO NOT DISTURB

At the invitation of Elmgreen & Dragset

Cosima von Bonin, Cerith Wyn Evans, Tom of Finland, Simon Fujiwara, Julian Göthe, Henrik Olai Kaarstein, Henrik Olesen, Raymond Pettibon, Seth Pick, Ingegerd Råman, Prem Sahib, Dirk Stewen, Sissel Tolaas, Elmar Vestner and others

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Gerhardsen Gerner Oslo is pleased to present *DO NOT DISTURB*, a group exhibition featuring artists invited by Elmgreen & Dragset.

The works included in *DO NOT DISTURB* focus on the nocturnal, sleep, dreams, passion, sexual fantasies, and the last, long night that awaits us all. The gallery space is transformed into a gothic-style bedroom with dark red walls and an imposing black lacquered bed by Elmgreen & Dragset in the centre of the room. The bed, titled *Omnes Una Manet Nox*, which translates to *One Night Awaits Us All*, shows a sinister gold plated vulture perched on top of one of its bedposts. Each work in this group exhibition adds in different ways to the condensed domestic ambience of the space, as if they were all elements in a life sized, perverted doll house where “do not disturb” makes literal sense.

DO NOT DISTURB coincides with *Biography*, a survey exhibition of Elmgreen & Dragset’s work presented at the nearby Astrup Fearnley Museet in Oslo.

Based in London and Berlin, Michael Elmgreen (b. 1961, Denmark) and Ingar Dragset (b. 1969, Norway) have worked as a collaborative duo since 1995. Most recently, the internationally renowned Victoria and Albert Museum in London commissioned Elmgreen & Dragset to create *Tomorrow*, an ambitious site-specific installation. *Tomorrow* transformed the Victoria and Albert’s former textile galleries into an apartment belonging to a fictional, elderly and disillusioned architect, continuing the artists’ focus on staging twisted domestic interiors.

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