

PRESS RELEASE

**RASTISLAV PODHORSKÝ**

Opening: September 20, 2018, 6 – 8 pm

Exhibition will run from September 21 until December 7, 2018.

Gandy gallery is pleased to announce the opening of the first solo show of the young Slovak artist RASTISLAV PODHORSKÝ. Rastislav Pohorský, artist born in 1990 in Bratislava, lives and works in Bratislava, Slovakia.

"In other words as Paul Klee has put it: "Art makes the invisible, visible." My deepest conviction is that this function of art has not changed to date. (There have been dramatic changes in the way of achieving these ends.)

I pursue figurative painting and drawing and it would seem that figurative art follows the opposite path: it is not making the invisible visible, but is merely mimicking the visible. It seems that figurative art (especially the so-called "realism" branch) offers only what can be easily outlined, what can be pointed at, thus it has no means to open new horizons neither for perception, nor for thought.

This paradox is one of the driving forces of my practice: the issue is exactly to immerse oneself in those most recognizable forms ("we are seeing a man, an object, an interior...") and at the same time compose these forms in such a way that the image can make that sensible, which would otherwise remain mute.

In my visual art I focus on: 1. the problematic of the sighted 2. the re-evaluation of the displayed. A figurative image (even the "realistic" one) is not only mimetic, but under certain circumstances makes something else visible."

(Rastislav Podhorský)

Please do not hesitate to contact the gallery for any further information.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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