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Press Release

Artist: Juliane Hundertmark
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Solo installation of paintings and sculptures by Berlin artist Juliane Hundertmark.

For CONTEXT Art Miami, Knight Webb Gallery will be showing a series of mixed media paintings and sculptures entitled *Hot Tub*. The *Hot Tub* concept thoughtfully introduces the satire and social commentary in Hundertmark's work to her Miami audience.

Hundertmark explores our perpetual search for 'pleasure' through an interactive installation surrounding an actual hot tub. The tub itself will be situated within the exhibition space, around which hand made figures will be draped,.

The artist has produced six large swimming pool paintings for this project. The sculptural elements will reflect and emphasise the subject matter of the paintings and the tub itself will encourage a degree of interaction, thus allowing a thorough and personal exploration of the artist's work.



Juliane Hundertmark 'Pool' 2016, Mixed Media on Canvas, 150x170cm

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Juliane Hundertmark is considered one of Berlin's most original and inventive emerging painters. Her work communicates everyday truths as she experiences them - observations of social exclusion, suppressed behaviour and disillusionment. The artist's distinctive style involves visual metaphors and the staging of scenarios to examine these social observations.



'Sunset' 2016, 150 x 170 cm, Mixed Media on Canvas



'Jungle' 2016, 150 x 170 cm, Mixed Media on Canvas

Whilst yielding many interpretations, Hundertmark's work is primarily concerned with psychoanalysis. Her imagery is an improvised dance in the subconscious, conjuring people and creatures out of childhood memories and placing these strange characters in convincing relationships. Her narratives are characterised by an otherworldly combination of eeriness, humour and dreamlike spectacle.

The *Hot Tub* installation was specifically selected for its relationship to Hundertmark's paintings, and will capture the very essence of what makes her work so fascinating. The hot tub itself will encourage images of serene contemplation and pleasure, reflected in a pool of illuminated water.

'Suspended over a gorge of raging water while feeling the comfort and warmth of a familiar face and then snap, you realise that you never actually left your seat; this is a small taste of the emotional experience one will find in Juliane Hundertmark's paintings.'

'She is skilled technician, yet there's a playful and loose sense to her approach with colour, line and form. Although her work is allegory based, it doesn't feel contrived. There's an otherworldly organic nature to her paintings and I for one often feel as though I've not only been there, but that I could join the party within the pictorial plane.' - Stanley Casselman September 2016

Juliane Hundertmark was born in Mainz in 1971 and lives in Berlin, Germany. She studied Design and Stage Design at Bayreuth and has a Masters in Fine Arts from the Academy of Fine Art of Nuremberg. In 2005, Hundertmark won the Prize of the Art Association Bayreuth for young art. She has been exhibited extensively at art fairs worldwide within the past year, including VOLTA New York and Context Art Fair Miami. The artist has also participated in several solo and group exhibitions in London with Knight Webb Gallery.