

## **Martin C. Herbst**

### **EN**

Martin C. Herbst is an Austrian painter, whose work focuses on an elaborate reevaluation of art historical themes and theories of classical portraiture and human figures.

His "subjects" are individual but at the same time portray the best work of their epochs. The traditional intent to display the distinctive likeness, personality, and even the mood of the person is combined with witty and often unexpected forms of representation. Faces appear on spheres and look like caged moonfaces. They are distorted when painted on curved panels, but look "normal" if the viewer perceives them from a certain point of view. Or they are painted very traditional, but exist in multiple versions.

His virtuosic, often monumental figurative paintings and objects appear paradoxically, at times cool, distant, meditated as well as present and vivid. Herbst carefully avoids narration or any illustrative visual discourse, while convincingly exploiting his potential as an impressive colourist.

### **FR**

Herbst est un peintre autrichien, dont le travail se focalise sur la réévaluation élaborée des thèmes historiques et des théories sur les portraits classiques et la figure humaine.

Ses "sujets" sont personnels mais représente à la fois le meilleur travail de leur époque. L'intention traditionnelle d'afficher l'apparence distinctive, la personnalité, et même l'humeur de la personne est combiné à la forme de représentation souvent drôle et inattendue. Les visages apparaissent sur les sphères et ressemblent à des visages lunaires. Ils sont déformés lorsqu'ils sont peints sur des surfaces courbes, mais paraissent "normal" si le spectateur les perçoit sous un certain angle de vue. Ils sont aussi peints de manière très traditionnelle, mais dans de multiples versions.

Ses figures virtuoses, souvent monumentales, semble paradoxalement, distantes, relaxées, méditatives mais aussi présentes et vives. Herbst évite toute narration ou toute forme de discours illustré, et préfère exploiter son potentiel en tant que coloriste averti.

## **EXHIBITONS**

### **SELECTED PERSONAL EXHIBITIONS**

2014 Juan Ruiz Gallery, Miami, USA

2013

GPL contemporary, Vienna, Austria

Fischerplatzgalerie, Ulm, Deutschland

2012

Jacob Karpio Gallery, San José, Costa Rica

Várvok Galéria, Budapest, Hungary

2011

Mark Hachem Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon

Mark Hachem Gallery, Paris, France

2010

Christopher Cults Gallery, Toronto, Canada

Fischerplatzgalerie, Ulm, Germany

T-40 Galerie, Düsseldorf, Germany

2009

Várvok Galéria, Budapest, Hungary

Mike Weiss Gallery, New York, NY

2007

MITO, Barcelona, Spain (Catalogue)

Fischerplatzgalerie, Ulm, Germany

Várvok Galéria, Budapest

Leonhard Ruethmueller Contemporary, Basel, Switzerland

2006 Rudolf Budja Galerie / Artmosphere, Graz, Austria

2005 Rudolf Budja Galerie / Artmosphere, Salzburg, Austria

2003 Artmosphere Vienna, Austria

## **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2013

Christopher Cults Gallery, Toronto, Canada: Winter Solstice Painting Extravaganza

CAP-Exhibition Space Kuwait: Body Variances, Five European Sculptors

Kunst Palais Liechtenstein: GrauRand

Várvok Galéria, Budapest, Hungary: Diving Lines  
collective exhibition, Mark Hachem Gallery, Beirut, Lebanon  
winter group show, Christopher Cults Gallery, Toronto

2012

Claire Oliver Gallery, New York: Beyond Bling, The artist as Jeweler

GPL Contemporary, Wien: Halali: Die Jagd nach dem Zeitgenössischen

Fischerplatzgalerie, Ulm: schwarzweiß weißschwarz

Christopher Cults Gallery, Toronto: Summer Group Show (with Jean-Marie Delavalle, and Michel Coulet)

REÖK, Szeged: Kontrazstok vonzásában / attracted by contrasts

Fischerplatz Galerie, Ulm: WinterARTigkeiten

2011

Die Galerie, Frankfurt am Main: Figurative Kunst aus Österreich

Christopher Cults Gallery, Toronto: Bakers Dozen

Fabian & Claude Walter Galerie, Zürich, Switzerland: TWENTY – FIVE

T-40, Düsseldorf, Germany: 7th anniversary

Fischerplatzgalerie Ulm: SommerARTigkeiten

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Jacob Karpio Who

dvorac sec contemporary, Prague: No borders – Appeal to heaven

Mark Hachem Beirut: Epilogue

2010

Várfok Galéria, Budapest: Crescendo

Life as a Legend: Marilyn Monroe - MOCA - Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

GPL Contemporary, Wien: neue und etablierte Positionen

2009

Fabian&Claude Walter Galerie Zürich: The Beautiful Painting Show

T-40 Galerie, Düsseldorf: 5th Anniversary

2008

Galerie Bailly Contemporain, Paris: phobea

SPUR projects, Portola Valley, CA

Five Year Anniversary Show, Mike Weiss Gallery, New York, NY

Várvok Galéria, Budapest, Hungary: MIS-EN ABYME (KÉP A KÉPBEN)

Fischerplatzgalerie, Ulm, Germany: Ganz schön ART-ig: LECKERBISSSEN III

T-40 Galerie, Düsseldorf: Summer Jam

2007

Leonhard Ruethmueller Contemporary, Basel, Switzerland: Art Miami

Leonhard Ruethmueller Contemporary, Basel, Switzerland: palmbeach3

Fischerplatzgalerie, Ulm, Germany: schwarzweiß-weißschwarz-Uecker Chillida, Venet u.a.

Drissien Galerie, München, Germany: Art Madrid

Fischerplatzgalerie, Ulm, Germany: Art Karlsruhe

Várvok Galéria, Budapest, Hungary: reāHrreal

KunstHausWien, Vienna, Austria: Malerei der Gegenwart: Zurück zur Figur

Dayton Art Institute, Ohio

Huntington Museum of Art, WV

Sioux City Art Center, Iowa

Galerie von Braunbehrens, München, Germany: KIAF, Seoul

Leonhard Ruethmueller Contemporary, Basel, Switzerland: Art Moscow

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: arteBA, Buenos Aires

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Scope Basel

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Artbo 2007, Bogota

Leonhard Ruethmueller Contemporary, Basel, Switzerland: modern 07, München

Leonhard Ruethmueller Contemporary, Basel, Switzerland selection 07, Moskau

Fischerplatzgalerie, Ulm, Germany: ART.FAIR 21, Köln

Várvok Galéria, Budapest, Hungary: Cologne Fine Art, Köln

MITO, Barcelona, Spain: arte Lisboa, Portugal

Várvok Galéria, Budapest, Hungary: Art.Fair, Budapest

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Art Basel Miami Beach

2006

MITO, Barcelona, Spain CAP4-CUA

Rudolf Budja Galerie / Artmosphere Salzburg

Boca Raton Museum of Art, FL, USA

2005

Rudolf Budja Galerie / Artmosphere – Salzburg: "Beauty"

Galerie Kulterer / Schloß Wolfsberg / Austria "Wiesionen - Zeitkunst"

Galleria Juris and Perl, Venice, Italy

Centro Cultural de la Villa Madrid; Claustro de Exposiciones del Palacio Provincial de Cádiz

2004

Rudolf Budja Galerie / Artmosphere Salzburg "Love"

Reales Atarazanas de Valencia – Spain; Vakko Beyoglu Art Gallery, Istanbul

2003 County Hall Gallery, Galerie Levi, Hamburg, Germany

2001 Christine König Galerie, Vienna: "Ich Tarzan – Du felix Au

## **FAIRS**

2014

Wanrooij Gallery, Arnheim, The Netherlands: Realisme 14 (Amsterdam)

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Miami, USA: art wynwood

2013

Wanrooij Gallery, Arnheim, The Netherlands: Realisme 13 (Amsterdam)

Wanrooij Gallery, Arnheim, The Netherlands: Art at the Warehouse (Rotterdam)

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Maracaibo, Venezuela: art wynwood

Wanrooij Gallery, Arnheim, The Netherlands: Art 2013 (Utrecht)

Wanrooij Gallery, Arnheim, The Netherlands: SCOPE Basel

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Miami, USA: Art Miami

Christopher Cults Gallery, Toronto: Art Miami

2012

Christopher Cults Gallery, Toronto: Armory show, New York

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Maracaibo, Venezuela: art palm beach

Mauger Modern London: India Art fair

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Maracaibo, Venezuela: art wynwood

Fabian & Claude Walter Galerie, Zürich, Switzerland: Scope Basel

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Maracaibo, Venezuela: FIA Caracas

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: ARTBO, Bogota

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Maracaibo, Venezuela: Art Miami

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Scope Miami

Christopher Cults Gallery, Toronto: Art Miami

Várvok Galéria, Budapest, Hungary: Art Market Budapest  
2011

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Maracaibo, Venezuela: art palm beach

Mauger Modern London: London Art Fair

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Maracaibo, Venezuela: Scope New York

Mauger Modern London: Scope New York

Christopher Cults Gallery, Toronto: Art Chicago

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Maracaibo, Venezuela: FIA Caracas

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Scope Basel

Fabian & Claude Walter Galerie, Zürich, Switzerland: Scope Basel

Mauger Modern London: KIAF, Korea

Christopher Cults Gallery, Toronto: Art Toronto (sculpturfield)

Fabian & Claude Walter Galerie, Zürich, Switzerland: Kunst Zürich

Regis Krampf Gallery New York: Istanbul Contemporary

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Maracaibo, Venezuela: Art Miami

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Scope Miami

## 2010

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Miami International Fair

Fischerplatzgalerie, Ulm, Germany: Art Karlsruhe

Christopher Cults Gallery, Toronto, Canada: Art Chicago

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Maracaibo, Venezuela: FIA, Caracas

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Scope Basel

Fabian&Claude Walter Galerie Zürich: Scope Basel

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: ARTBO, Bogota

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Maracaibo, Venezuela: ARTBO, Bogota

Christopher Cults Gallery, Toronto, Canada: Art Toronto

Fabian&Claude Walter Galerie Zürich: Kunst Zürich

Regis Krampf Gallery New York: Istanbul Contemporary

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: SCOPE Miami

Christopher Cults Gallery, Toronto, Canada: SCOPE Miami

Juan Ruiz Galeria, Maracaibo, Venezuela: Art Miami

## 2009

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Los Angeles Art Show

Mike Weiss Gallery, N.Y.: Scope New York

Mike Weiss Gallery, N.Y.: Chicago Art Fair

Fabian&Claude Walter Galerie Zürich: Scope Basel

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Scope Basel

Várfok Galéria, Budapest: Art Vilnius

MITO, Barcelona, Arte Santander

Fischerplatzgalerie Ulm: Art Bodensee

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Artbo, Bogota

Várvok Galéria, Budapest, Hungary: Budapest Art Fair

## 2008

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Scope Miami

MITO, Barcelona, Spain: Art Madrid

Fischerplatzgalerie, Ulm, Germany: Art Karlsruhe

Mike Weiss Gallery, N.Y.: Scope N.Y.

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Art Brussels

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Scope Basel

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Balelatina Basel

Fabian&Claude Walter Galerie Zürich: Scope Basel

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Scope Hamptons

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Artbo, Bogota International Art Fair

MITO, Barcelona, Spain : Scope London

Fischerplatzgalerie, Ulm, Germany: 10. Art International Zürich

Galerie Bailly Contemporain Show Off , Paris

Galerie von Braunbehrens, München, Germany: Kunst Zürich

Várvok Galéria, Budapest, Hungary: Budapest Art Fair

Jacob Karpio Galeria, San José, Costa Rica: Scope Miami

Mike Weiss Gallery, N.Y.: Scope Miami

2006

Rudolf Budja Galerie/ Artmosphere Wien: Art Miami

Rudolf Budja Galerie/ Artmosphere Wien: palmbeach3

Rudolf Budja Galerie/ Artmosphere Wien: 10th International Art Fair - Art Moscow

Leonhard Ruethmueller Contemporary, Basel, Switzerland: art.fair, Köln

Várvok Galéria, Budapest, Hungary: plug - contemporary art show Budapest