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Toma & Ik Stenko Essence

29 April - 11 May 2024

Private View: Wednesday 1 May, 6 - 8 pm

Katrine Levin Galleries at Marie Jose Gallery
16 Victoria Grove | South Kensington | W8 5RW

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Following Toma Stenko's inaugural solo in 2020 and a critically acclaimed joint presentation as part of the Venice Biennale 2022, the mother and son duo returns to London for their first joint UK exhibition.

For Toma Stenko, colour denotes the essence of everything - of love, of being. It is the prism through which she perceives the world, searching for the best in everyone and everything.

Hands are a recurring theme in Toma Stenko's practice, the drawn outlines of previous works dissolving in fields of colour, then reintroduced as a superimposed collage elements.

The mother's influence on her son is unmistakable. Both share a unique creative energy expressed in vibrant colours. As the former's paintings become more abstract, the latter introduces line drawings of flowers to his.

The exhibition includes works created in the last couple of years between studios in Georgia, Russia, London and Dubai.

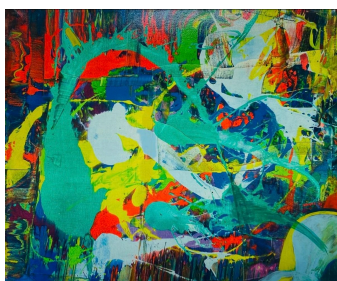
Prepare for an uplifting explosion of love.

"For me, painting is a wild river which carries you and you don't know where you will wind up. It is this unknown that gives birth to the magic of creativity! You dissolve, discarding all your thoughts, knowledge, experience, and start everything from a blank canvas ... where every sound, colour, and rustle moves into being a new form, character, space... I am obsessed with colour, its melody, scent, mood, depth ..."

Toma Stenko, 2024

With cosmopolitan roots spanning London, New York, Moscow and Zurich, Katrine Levin Galleries is not a place, but a destination for the discovery of extraordinary contemporary art from places less explored.

Prior to receiving a Master's in art history, Katrine Levin practiced intellectual property law in New York and London.



Toma Stenko (b. 1979, Georgia) is an award-winning artist, film director and fashion designer who holds a BA and an MA from Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts London.

Exhibited internationally and awarded a Certificate of Achievement at the Qatar International Art Festival 2022, her paintings are held in collections in New York, London, Paris, Doha and Dubai.

Ik Stenko (b. 2013, London) has been painting since he was 2, progressing to abstracts on canvasses around age 6. Now 11 years old, he has introduced real life figures into his paintings.



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