

***Painting now 2***

**Romain Bernini, Liselotte Höhs, Nick Hornby, Genti Korini, Marcelo Moscheta, Lisi Raskin, Roe Rosen, Marta Sforini, Veronica Smirnoff, Johanna Unzueta, Gal Weinstein**

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**Riccardo Crespi** presents ***Painting Now 2***, a group show that continues the inquiry on contemporary painting, three years after the first episode in the gallery.

Starting from the previous exhibition, without claiming to be exhaustive, the show aims to display some of the tendencies of contemporary art through painting, which is - never as it is now -experiencing such a rich and protean season.

The genesis of the exhibition is based on the choice of some interesting names on the international scene, by letting the artists free to propose one or more works that best express their artistic approach. Furthermore, pictorial research is often presented as a counterpoint to the dematerializing technological domination that brings the creative forms and the expression of the human soul towards new frontiers and aesthetic structures which in turn influence contemporary painting itself, with new surrealisms.

After being associated with a more traditional practice and marginalized for a long time, painting can now be used as a means to express new meanings, similarly to the conception that **Judith Butler** applies to certain offensive words in ***Excitable Speech*** (1997): we can produce a political action towards an aesthetic, not only by erasing it, but also by charging it with new values. In **Nick Hornby's** works, painting is a way to reflect on the glorious history and critique of art, or it can be transformed, for **Johanna Unzueta**, into a research on the three-dimensionality of the pictorial object and its implications with traditional artefacts and geometric abstraction in Latin America, as it could constitute a sort of 'return to order' of the canvas against the excessive power of digital in the paradoxical architectures of **Genti Korini**.

**Romain Bernini**, born in Paris in 1979, lives and works in Paris.

**Liselotte Höhs**, born in Vienna, lives and works in Venice.

**Nick Hornby**, born in 1980, lives and works in London.

**Genti Korini**, born in Tirana in 1979, lives and works in Tirana.

**Marcelo Moscheta**, born in São José do Rio Preto in 1976, lives and works in Campinas, Brazil.

**Lisi Raskin**, born in Miami, lives and works between Brooklyn, New York, and Providence, Rhode Island.

**Roe Rosen**, born in Rehovot, Israel, in 1963, lives and works in Israel.

**Marta Sforini**, born in Milan in 1966, lives and works between Berlin and Venice

**Veronica Smirnoff**, born in Moscow in 1979, lives and works between London and Moscow.

**Johanna Unzueta**, born in Santiago de Chile in 1974, lives and works in New York.

**Gal Weinstein**, born in Ramat Gan, Israel, in 1970, lives and works in Tel Aviv.