

MAI 36 GALERIE

POPPY JONES

Frozen Sun

Zurich Art Weekend: June 7 – 9, 2024
Vernissage: Sunday, June 9, 11 am
Exhibition: June 7 – August 10, 2024

Mai 36 Galerie is pleased to announce *Frozen Sun*, a solo show of new work by Poppy Jones. This is Jones' second solo show with the gallery, after the exhibition *Interiors* at 36.1 Projects in 2022.

Poppy Jones's show at Mai 36 presents 16 small-scale oil and watercolor paintings on suede, all framed in soldered aluminum – domestic interiors; jackets, flowers, curtains, glasses.

Although the work stems from a personal, domestic realm, it does not describe a specific story or narrative. Instead, it seeks to use the personal to create a sense of familiarity and intimacy that is not bound to any particular time or place. The artist's use of found textiles possesses an inherent authenticity and a connection to the human body and skin. The matte finish of suede soaks up ink and paint and absorbs light, making it highly sensitive to touch and capable of recording fingerprints on its surface.

Jones blurs the lines between the object, its representation, and its materiality. The hand-painted, the photographic, surface and material become indistinguishable, like our belief in the pictured reality we see on our smartphones. We live through digital images and forget about their flatness, their ephemerality, and the physicality of the world around us.

Jones's work draws on modernist literature and cinema, particularly Gertrude Stein and Alain Robbe-Grillet's writings on objects and the material world, creating their own reality without time, plot and outcome. By Jones' use of serial and repeating formats, she unites disparate subjects and accords them equal value, allowing for free associations and unexpected readings within the exhibition space.

Poppy Jones was born in 1985 in London, UK, and lives and works in Bexhill-on-Sea, UK. Jones received her MA Fine Art Printmaking from the Royal College of Art, London, UK in 2010 and her BA Fine Art from Falmouth College of Art, Falmouth, UK in 2007. Poppy Jones has been the subject of solo shows at Herald St, London (2024); Overduin & Co, Los Angeles (2023), The Artist Room, London (2023), South Parade, London (2021). Recent Group Shows include *The Shape of Things: Still Life in Britain*, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, UK (2024) and *Artificial Silk Girl*, Brunette Coleman, London (2023).