

Kunsthaus Bregenz: Jakob Lena Knebl & Ashley Hans Scheirl – First Exhibition of 2021

Queer artist duo are a surprise coup to start the year at KUB in 2021

Bregenz, September 1, 2020 – they are hardly unknowns in the international art world, either individually or as a duo, at least not since the news that Jakob Lena Knebl and Ashley Hans Scheirl will be conceiving the Austrian Pavilion for the 59th Art Biennale in Venice in 2022. But now, even before that, KUB Director Thomas D. Trummer has succeeded in bringing the queer artist duo to Bregenz for the first exhibition at KUB in 2021. The exhibition is already starting on December 12, 2020.

Employing paintings, textiles, expansive installations, and stage set-like constructions, Ashley Hans Scheirl and Jakob Lena Knebl will be transforming Kunsthaus Bregenz into an anarchically humorous cosmos from mid-December 2020 to early March 2021. Ashley Hans Scheirl and Jakob Lena Knebl defy any conventional categorization, questioning social assignments of role in relation to gender identity, genres, materialities, techniques, spaces, and context. “Once again we will be presented with something that has never been seen before at KUB. Scheirl & Knebl’s art is colorful, provocative, sensuous, and smart,” promises KUB director Thomas D. Trummer. Scheirl and Knebl will be representing Austria at the 59th Art Biennale in Venice in 2022.

The exhibition by Ashley Hans Scheirl and Jakob Lena Knebl will be on view at Kunsthaus Bregenz from December 12, 2020, immediately following the exhibition by the internationally renowned Swiss artist Peter Fischli. The extended opening of the Peter Fischli exhibition is taking place on Friday, September 11, from 3 pm to 8 pm, to which everyone is cordially invited!

Ashley Hans Scheirl (born 1956 in Salzburg) studied from 1975 to 1980 at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna. From 1981 to 1982 Scheirl lived and worked in New York and from the late 1980s for 16 years in London, where she/he graduated from Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design with an MA. In the mid-1990s Scheirl acquired the transgender identity “Hans.” Scheirl has been professor for contextual painting at the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna since fall 2006. In 2017 she/he took part in documenta 14 in Kassel and Athens. In 2019 she/he received the Österreichischer Kunstpreis für Bildende Kunst (Austrian Art Prize for Fine Arts).

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Jakob Lena Knebl (born in 1970 in Baden near Vienna) lives and works in Vienna. She studied textual sculpture at the Academy of Fine Arts under Heimo Zobernig and fashion at the University of Applied Arts in Vienna. Her name, consisting of a self-chosen surname and the adopted first names of her grandparents, is an expression of her play with identity, metaphor, and gender. Jakob Lena Knebl is a visiting

professor at the University of Art and Design in Linz, and is currently a Senior Artist at the Academy of Fine Arts Vienna.

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Jakob Lena Knebl & Ashley Hans Scheirl

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Press Conference: Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 11 am

Extended Exhibition Opening: Friday, December 11, 2020, 3 pm – 8 pm

Attachment:

Photograph of Ashley Hans Scheirl and Jakob Lena Knebl at Kunsthaus Bregenz, 2020

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We look forward to seeing your coverage of these events!

Yours sincerely,