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Exhibition

PAROV STELAR
I'll be OK soon

at

Francisco Carolinum Linz

Duration

02.07. - 15.09.21

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The exhibition PAROV STELAR. I'll be OK soon

Music producer Parov Stelar (born November 27, 1974 as Marcus Füreder) is one of the major players in the international music business and is celebrated worldwide as a pioneer of electro swing. But only few are aware the Upper Austrian also studied painting and graphics at the Art University Linz and in Berlin.

From July 1, 2021 on Parov Stelar is delivering an insight into his work as a visual artist for the first time in his hometown Linz. The Francisco Carolinum is presenting some 25 large-format paintings such as "HELLO Mom"—a tribute to his mother Margit Füreder, an artist as well— "I'll be OK soon" and "Toxic Lover" in which he absorbes autobiographical events and fears and brings them to art. As in his music, texts are also essential carriers of information in his pictorial works. For Parov Stelar, music is unthinkable without painting, both overlap synaesthetically and increase the expressive power. Similar to his lyrics, which correspond to the melody, the lines of text in his pictures reinforce their expressiveness—and, compared to his music, experience an intensification: his painterly works show an increased directness, a procedure of expressive artistic means revealing the emotions and real live experience of the artist.

The reference points of the multitalented Parov Stelar are the visual artists of American Pop Art, who–like Robert Rauschenberg at the end of the 1960s with for example "Soundings" (1968) and "Mud-Muse" (1971)—pushed the boundaries of the genre: looking for new forms of expression, they merged sculptures and pictural objects with music to create interactive works and expanded the artistic possibilities of their generation. Parov Stelar also refers to this in his multimedia exhibition: For I'll be OK soon he created a selection of NFTs (Non-Fungible-Tokens) ad hoc last month, manifestos for the current technological possibilities in art and a symbiosis of his artistic work as a musician and visual artist.

Consequentially **PAROV STELAR. I'll be OK soon** is on display in direct vicinity of the internationally acclaimed **Proof of Art** exhibition in the Francisco Carolinum.

Publication

A catalogue will be published to accompany the exhibition.

At a glance ... PAROV STELAR

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