

GRIMM



Gert and Uwe Tobias

Opening: 10 September 2011, from 5–7 pm. Eerste Jacob van Campenstraat 23–25.

GRIMM is proud to announce the first gallery solo exhibition in the Netherlands by Gert and Uwe Tobias.

The work of Gert and Uwe Tobias (1973, Brasov, Romania) is strongly marked by a newly invented symbolist style that evokes links to myths, tales and folklore. The artists, who have been working together ever since the completion of their studies at the Braunschweig University of Fine Arts in 2002, question and examine the clichés of (folk) art through the use of traditional techniques as woodblock printing. They draw upon art historical elements expressed in a modern language that references movements such as Modernism and Russian Constructivism.

At the center of their practice are the large-scale woodblock prints and installations. With their own distinct visual language Gert and Uwe contribute with these works to the illustrious history of printmaking. They combine classical and expressionist forms in bold colors, simplified floral and decorative motives as well as aspects of traditional costume and textiles. Their subjects are often fantastic figures with carnivalesque heads and ghostly faces, as well as old master still lifes and abstract compositions.

This exhibition marks the first show of their paintings, a new medium for the artists. Similar in style and execution as their oeuvre on paper, these paintings continue the theme we know from their previous artworks, however, in contrast to a work on paper that needs glass to protect it, the paintings offer the viewer a more direct interaction with the subject matter. Also inherent to painting on canvas is a more layered approach.

Gert and Uwe Tobias live and work in Cologne, Germany. Since their first solo exhibition at MoMA in New York, in 2007, the bothers have exhibited in numerous museums such as the Franz Gertsch Museum in Burgdorf, Kunsthalle Wien, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Pinacothèque Agnelli in Turin, as well as in galleries in New York, Berlin, London, Tokyo, Athens and Los Angeles. Recently they had a solo exhibition at GEM, The Hague.

A catalogue will be published on the occasion of the exhibition.

The exhibition runs from 10 September – 1 October 2011, Eerste Jacob van Campenstraat 23–25, 1072 BB, Amsterdam. GRIMM is open from Wednesday – Saturday, 12.00 am. – 6.00 pm. For more information, please contact: +31 (0) 20 675 2465 or info@grimmgallery.com.