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GRIMM presents 'WINTER CIRCUS' a solo show by WILLIAM MONK

Opening: 13th of March 2010 from 5–7 pm.

William Monk (1977, UK) is a painter who works in series, very often large oil paintings, with theme's ranging from space to nature, from industrial- to cityscapes. The work is often abstract with only hints of figuration left on the surface.

In his own words: *"The idea of visible and non visible figuration is there in my work. In these recent paintings the leitmotif is camouflage in the abstract sense. People always see things in my paintings. The work mixes very rational thought with the irrational. I have an idea that is thought out before the painting has begun (to a certain extent) but when I have a brush in my hand the brain is (ideally) completely switched off. Certainly my best work is done when I am operating in this mode."*

The new paintings in 'WINTER CIRCUS' are more intense and have a greater level of abstraction than his previous work. The colors are bright as to create a noisy disorder or a level of frantic activity, this functions as a camouflage to the deeper meaning or theme of the paintings; a returning duality in Monk's work; between abstraction and figuration, light and dark, meaning and meaninglessness..

Two large paintings that will be exhibited in the front space of the gallery are on the one hand the most abstract and on the other hand the most stylized work Monk has painted so far, also black paintings and watercolor works on paper will be shown.

WILLIAM MONK has successfully completed his studies at De Ateliers en lives and works in London. He is the winner of the Jerwood Contemporary Painters 2009 Award and his work has recently been shown in the Jerwood exhibition in London and Norwich. His work can also be found in the collections of the Gemeente Museum in The Hague and in the Fries Museum, Leeuwarden for example and in many important private collections.

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