

DOLBY CHADWICK GALLERY

Udo Nöger

Beyond

November 6–29, 2014

Dolby Chadwick Gallery is honored to announce “Beyond,” a solo exhibition featuring the art of Udo Nöger. Nöger works in a minimalist tradition, reducing everything he does “to a point where there is no more, no less”—a statement that captures the delicate balance anchoring his pared-down aesthetic. This quest toward a conscientious reduction of visual information, however, plays a supporting role in the artist’s primary cause: light.

“Every painter from the fifteenth century to today paints light,” Nöger explains. “That’s what the craft is all about.” But rather than covering his canvases with layers of light color upon dark color to approximate the effect of light—the path a painter typically follows—Nöger instead sets out to directly harness light as a material. He does so by investigating the space underneath the canvas, by reaching beyond the surface to mine new possibilities and activate an endless range of meanings. Through his singular approach and unique suite of mediums, Nöger is “able to ‘set the surface free’ to get the purest and most absolute light possible.” The resulting works draw the viewer in in extraordinary and unexpected ways; their muted, neutral palettes and simple, often circular forms induce a calming effect while their internal luminosity invigorates the senses and introduces an air of mystery.

Although the abstract forms, tonal qualities, and an emphasis on simplicity that characterize Nöger’s most recent body of work echo post-war Minimalism, Nöger forms a closer alliance with artists who were part of the Italian *arte povera* movement. Lucio Fontana and Piero Manzoni, for example, were preoccupied by the canvas itself and its seemingly endless potential. This emphasis on materiality beyond the artist’s traditional toolkit, enthusiasm for approaches that sidestep established practices of art-making, and interest in the ontology of painting are closely aligned with Nöger’s own sensibilities and goals as an artist.

The product of relentless experimentation and a commitment to pushing boundaries, Nöger’s art is full of puzzles—even paradoxes—that flirt with contradiction while always achieving harmony. The works are magical, but also scientific; abstract, but also biomorphic; ethereal, but also sculptural. The optical play stimulated by their innovative construction—as exemplified by the mesmerizing *Weight of Light 6* (2014)—draws viewers in while at the same time requiring them to step back, refocus, and reconsider.

Udo Nöger was born in 1961 in Enger/Westfalen, Germany. He has lived and traveled all over the world and currently maintains studios in San Diego, California; Miami, Florida; and Geneva, Switzerland. Nöger’s art has been exhibited extensively across the United States and Europe and can be found in the permanent collections of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, and Haus der Kunst in Munich, Germany, among others. This will be his first exhibition with the Dolby Chadwick Gallery.

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- 2009 Little Islands - Robin Rule Gallery, Denver, CO, USA
New Paintings - Gebert Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM, USA
Walker Contemporary, Boston, MA, USA
Little Islands - Bernhard Knaus Fine Art, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2008 Me Water - Morat Institut für Kunst und Kunstwissenschaft, Freiburg, Germany
Recent Works - Gebert Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Recent Works - Gebert Contemporary, Scottsdale, AZ, USA
Me Water - Beck & Eggeling International Fine Art, Düsseldorf, Germany
Lukas Feichtner Gallery, Vienna, Austria
- 2007 Gebert Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM, USA
Me Water - Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Me Water - Diana Lowenstein Fine Arts, Miami, FL, USA
Espaces Transitoires - Galerie Pascal van Hoecke, Paris, France
- 2006 Light as a Material - Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, Sedalia, MO, USA
Light as a Material - Art & Cultural Center Maui, HI, USA
Light as a Material - Chiaroscuro Contemporary Art, Santa Fe, NM, USA
Buschlen-Mowatt Galleries, Palm Desert, CA, USA
- 2005 Light as a Material - Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver, CO, USA
Light as a Material - Chiaroscuro Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ, USA
New Paintings - Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica, CA, USA
Light as a Material - Robin Rule Gallery, Denver, CO, USA
Bewegend - Diana Lowenstein Fine Arts, Miami, FL, USA
Bewegend - Beck & Eggeling International Fine Art, Düsseldorf, Germany
One Man Show at Art Cologne, Beck & Eggeling, Düsseldorf
Bewegend - Lukas Feichtner Galerie, Vienna, Austria
- 2004 Light as a Material - Chiaroscuro Contemporary Art, Santa Fe, NM, USA
Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA
Fassbender Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
Galerie Peter Borchart, Hamburg, Germany
- 2003 Light as a Material 2 - Lowe Gallery, Santa Monica, CA, USA
Light as a Material 1 - Diana Lowenstein Fine Arts, Miami, FL, USA
Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA
Rule Gallery, Denver, CO, USA
Light as a Material 1 - Galerie Feichtner & Mizrahi, Vienna, Austria

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- 2002 Buschlen-Mowatt Galleries, Palm Desert, CA, USA
riechend - Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA
Fassbender Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
Jacob Karpio Gallery, San Jose, Costa Rica
- 2001 Works 1990 - 2000 - Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, CO, USA
Me Water - Fassbender Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
Light as a Material 1 - Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA
White - Artcore Gallery, Toronto, Canada
Riechend - Beck & Eggeling International Fine Art, Düsseldorf, Germany
Me Water - Galerie Peter Borchardt, Hamburg, Germany
Riechend - Kunstverein Lippstadt, Lippstadt, Germany
- 2000 Jacob Karpio Gallery, San Jose, Costa Rica
Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA
Me Water - Galerie Feichtner & Mizrahi, Vienna, Austria
Galerie Beck & Eggeling, Leipzig, Germany
Galerie Hänel, Wiesbaden, Germany
Me Water - Art Cologne, Galerie Hänel, Cologne, Germany
Me Water - Art Frankfurt, Galerie Hänel, Frankfurt, Germany
- 1999 Heads and Vessels 2 - Contemporary Art Center of Peoria, Peoria, IL, USA
Innen - Kunsthalle Bielefeld (Studiengalerie), Bielefeld, Germany
Heads and Vessels 2 - Peyton Wright Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, USA
Eine andere Art von Licht - Galerie Bernd Dürr, Munich, Germany
Zwischenräume - Beck – Eggeling - Schlag, Düsseldorf, Germany
Zwischenräume - Feichtner & Mizrahi, Vienna, Austria
Zwischenräume - Ruth Sachse, Hamburg, Germany
Zwischenräume - Frank Schlag & Cie., Essen, Germany
- 1998 Paintings and Drawings - Fassbender Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
Heads and vessels 2- Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA
Jan Maiden Fine Art, Columbus, OH, USA
Jacob Karpio Gallery, San Jose, Costa Rica
Heads and Vessels - Galerie Hans-Jürgen Siegert, Basel, Switzerland
Eine andere Art von Licht - Galerie Hänel, Frankfurt, Germany
- 1997 Jain Marunouchi Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Heads and Vessels - Peyton Wright Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, USA
Heads and Vessels - Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA

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- Mixed Media Paintings - Olga Dollar Gallery, San Francisco, CA, USA
Bilder - Galerie Maria Sels, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 1996 Galerie Bernd Dürr, Munich, Germany
Galerie van Alom, Berlin, Germany
Heads and vessels - Galerie Hänel, Frankfurt, Germany
- 1995 With Bird - Sherry Frumkin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
With Bird - Jain Marunouchi Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Marcia Rafelman Fine Arts, Toronto, Canada
- 1994 Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA
Recent Works - Mindy Oh Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
Neue Arbeiten - Galerie van Alom, Berlin, Germany
Autogen Gallery, Dresden, Germany
- 1993 Between Everything - Tamenaga Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Between Everything - Hypo Bank Foundation, New York, NY, USA
Lowe Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA
Between Everything - Siegerlandmuseum, Siegen, Germany
Zwischen Papier und Skulptur - Bernd Dürr, Munich, Germany
Galerie van Alom, Berlin, Germany
- 1992 Reaches - Jain Marunouchi Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Reaches - Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA
Reaches - Lowe Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Reaches - Mackey Gallery, Denver, CO, USA
- 1991 Payton Rule Gallery, Denver, CO, USA
Reach in the dust - Bernd Dürr, Munich, Germany
Neue Bilder - van Alom, Berlin, Germany
- 1989 Galerie van Alom, Berlin, Germany
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- 1988 Euro Gallery, London, England
rongo-rongo Südseebilder - Galerie Delta, Rotterdam, Netherlands
rongo-rongo Südseebilder - Bernd Dürr, Munich, Germany
Südseebilder - Galerie Trost, Lippstadt, Germany

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Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2013 Cross Pollinate - Walker Fine Art, Denver, CO, USA
Zwischen Himmel und Erde - Galerie Kudlek, Cologne, Germany
Beyond the Moment - Grossetti Arte Contemporaneo, Milano, Italy
- 2012 Cross Pollinate - Walker Fine Art, Denver, CO, USA
Zwischen Himmel und Erde - Galerie Kudlek, Cologne, Germany
Beyond the Moment - Grossetti Arte Contemporaneo, Milano, Italy
- 2011 Entering Abstraction - Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Present Tense - Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO, USA
Walker Fine Art, Denver, CO, USA
Upstairs Downstairs - Lausberg Contemporary, Toronto, Canada
Etablierte und neue Positionen - Galerie Peithner-Lichtenfels, Vienna, Austria
- 2010 White Meditation Room - Grossetti Arte Contemporaneo, Milano, Italy
Gebert Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM, USA
Gallery Artists - Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO, USA
Walker Contemporary, Boston, MA, USA
Bernhard Knaus Fine Art, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2009 Bande -Künstler der Galerie - Galerie Borchardt, Hamburg, Germany
Gebert Contemporary, Scottsdale, AZ, USA
White Show - Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Lukas Feichtner Galerie, Vienna, Austria
Künstler der Galerie - Beck & Eggeling International Fine Art, Düsseldorf,
Germany
- 2008 Landscapes - Gebert Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM, USA
Diana Lowenstein Fine Arts, Miami, FL, USA
- 2007 Galería Álvaro Alcázar, Madrid, Spain
Klaus Steinmetz Arte Contemporaneo, San Jose, Costa Rica
- 2006 Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Summer Specials - Lukas Feichtner Gallery, Vienna, Austria
Winter 2006 Group Exhibition - Rule Gallery, Denver, CO, USA
Open House and Introduction - Donna Rogers Fine Art, Houston, TX, USA
Beck & Eggeling International Fine Art, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2005 Chiaroscuro Contemporary Art, Santa Fe, NM, USA
Summer Group Exhibition - Rule Gallery, Denver, CO, USA
Preview - Galerie Pascal van Hoecke, Paris, France

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- Summer Exhibition - Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Galerie Hollenbach, Ausstellungsraum Zürich, Switzerland
Galerie Hollenbach, Stuttgart, Germany
- 2004 Gallery Artists - Buschlen-Mowatt Galleries, Palm Desert, CA, USA
Summer Group Show - Rule Gallery, Denver, CO, USA
Paintings - Chiaroscuro Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ, USA
Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Ciudad Pintada o (de)construcciones pictóricas - MADC Museo de Arte y
Diseño Contemporáneo, San José, Costa Rica
- 2003 Small Works - Chiaroscuro Contemporary Art, Santa Fe, NM, USA
Gallery Artists - Buschlen-Mowatt Galleries, Vancouver, Canada
Beck & Eggeling International Fine Art, Düsseldorf, Germany
Galerie Peter Borchardt, Hamburg, Germany
- 2002 Landscape and the natural order - Lawrence University, Wriston Art Center, WI
Departure American Contemporary Landscape - Indiana University, Center of
Contemporary Art, Indiana, USA
Coleccionismos Contemporáneos - Público/Privado - MADC Museo de Arte y
Diseño Contemporáneo, San José, Costa Rica
Galerie Feichtner & Mizrahi, Vienna, Austria
- 2001 Sublime Landscape - Strich University Museum, Milwaukee, WI, USA
Galerie Beck & Eggeling, Leipzig, Germany
Galerie Hollenbach, Stuttgart, Germany
Works - Artcore Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2000 Beyond Borders - Coninx Museum, Zürich, Switzerland
Galerie Beck & Eggeling, Düsseldorf, Germany
Artcore Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 1999 year in preview - Fassbender Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
Galerie Beck & Eggeling, Leipzig, Germany
Galerie van Alom, Berlin, Germany
- 1998 Paintings - Jain Marunouchi Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Positions - Peyton Wright Gallery, Santa Fe, NM, USA
Galerie Feichtner & Mizrahi, Vienna, Austria
- 1997 Summer show - Fassbender Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
Galerie Hänel, Frankfurt, Germany
Künstler der Galerie - Galerie Bernd Dürr, Munich, Germany

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- Galerie Hans-Jürgen Siegert, Basel, Switzerland
- 1996 Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA, USA
rewind - Mindy Oh Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
Galerie Maria Sels, Düsseldorf, Germany
Nachlese 96 - Lichte Bilder - Galerie David, Bielefeld
Galerie Hans-Jürgen Siegert, Basel, Switzerland
- 1995 Künstler der Galerie- neue Arbeiten - Galerie Hänel, Frankfurt, Germany
- 1993 Jain Marunouchi Gallery, New York, NY, USA
Bilder - Galerie Hänel, Frankfurt, Germany
- 1992 Paintings - Tamenaga Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 1989 Kunst '89 - Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany