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ELIZAVETA PORODINA

Un/Masked

Opening: 25 April 2024, 18:00 – 23:00
Runtime: 26 April – 18. August 2024

26.03.2024 – On 25 April 2024, Fotografiska Berlin will unveil the exhibition *Un/Masked* by Munich-based, Moscow-born artist Elizaveta Porodina. Through the interplay of light, color, and shadow, her abstract and surrealist photographs reflect her inner world: “*I grant my audience a window into my subconscious with my work.*”

Porodina arrived in Germany with her family in the late 1990s at the age of twelve as a so-called “quota refugee” from Russia. Feeling displaced, isolated, and struggling to build friendships with peers, painting became her outlet: “*After school, I’d rush home to paint for hours.*” Inspired by the works of Henri Matisse, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Mikhail Vrubel, and Pablo Picasso, which she discovered in museums and art books in her family’s living room with her mother, she worked with bold colors and expressive faces; an artistic practice that continues to resonate in her works today. While she no longer paints with brushes, her subjects come to life through carefully arranged sets and artistic lighting.

In *Un/Masked*, the artist invites us to peer behind the masks, holding up a mirror to ourselves. Trained as a clinical psychologist and with a keen interest in emotion-driven behavior, she chose photography as her artistic medium to interact with people. Each project has been, and continues to be, an experiment in which she attempts to combine contradictory elements. She sees people as unique universes yearning to connect with others.

Porodina has collaborated with a multitude of renowned brands and magazines such as Dior, Chanel, Jean Paul Gaultier, Giorgio Armani, Moncler, and Vogue. Her work has been showcased in international exhibitions and has received multiple awards. Porodina’s influence extends far beyond photography, and she is considered one of the artists blurring the lines between art and fashion photography.

With her poetic vision and artistic talent, Elizaveta Porodina has made a significant contribution to contemporary photography. Her works invites the viewer to reflect on the complexity of human nature.

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PRESSE PREVIEW

On Thursday, 25 April, at 11:00, the press preview of the exhibition will take place with the artist. Please RSVP to immanuel.ayx@fotografiska.com.

ARTIST TALK

On Friday, 26 April, at 18:30, an artist talk will be held. In conversation with Christoph Amend, publisher of Weltkunst and Editorial Director ZEITmagazin, visitors will learn more about the work of the artist. Following the talk, there will be a book signing of her publication Un/Masked (Hatje Cantz).

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