

“noah’s ark”

basel al-bazzaz | helmut hladisch | jürgen tauscher

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The *gallery gugging* celebrates three drawers with Basel Al-Bazzaz, Helmut Hladisch & Jürgen Tauscher, who implement their drawing talent in completely different ways, and so in the exhibition “Noah’s Ark” – three worlds open up that are as unique and wonderful as their creators themselves. The title of the exhibition is borrowed from the work of the same name by Jürgen Tauscher.

Basel Al-Bazzaz, Helmut Hladisch and Jürgen Tauscher are united by their talent and love of drawing. By using pencils on paper and canvases they give their ideas the form that corresponds to their need for expression. Fascinated by the surrounding nature, but also objects of daily life as well as flying objects, many motifs can be found, which are interpreted individually.

The works of **Basel Al-Bazzaz** impress with their detailed realisation and exuberant colourfulness! He himself describes his path to drawing as a “miracle”, after all, he works in a printing workshop in Vienna. The artist mostly uses the same paper size as well as coloured and watercolour pencils. His sources of inspiration are mainly nature, but also beautiful women, artistic personalities such as Frida Kahlo, and the Orient. Once the theme is defined, Al-Bazzaz works out the details that are important to him with great skill, and complex compositions emerge that, full of ornamentation, result in a harmonious whole, a perfect work. He himself enjoys the creative process and when he can bring joy to the viewers with his works. His works were last shown at the Outsider Art Fair NY and can already be found in many private collections.

Helmut Hladisch’s works show the chosen theme clearly and reduced to what is essential for him. He mainly uses pencils and coloured pencils on paper and more

rarely but still, canvases, which he revises with acrylic paints and oil pastels. Hladisch, who has lived in the *House of Artists* since 2013 and works in the *studio gugging*, likes to have templates printed out in order to reproduce, in his own way, as precisely as possible the theme he has previously chosen. His favourite subject, however, is the tree: represented in all sizes on paper and canvas. The artist understands the art of reduction, the choice of colours and creates the available space ideally. His works, which radiate a pleasant tranquility due to their clarity, are represented in galleries in New York and Paris and are found in private collections.

Jürgen Tauscher loves everything that flies, technical devices, cars, animals as well as buildings – and attends to these themes that he addresses in his works. He mainly works with pencils and coloured pencils on paper and again and again he also creates collages as well as whimsical flying objects out of paperboard and tape. Tauscher has lived in the *House of Artists* since 2012 and works there on site and in the *studio gugging*. The artist mainly uses pencils in various thicknesses, with which he either depicts his chosen motif very delicately or, by working very densely, allows a sculptural-looking object to grow out of the page. Recently, he increasingly integrates coloured pencils into his work. In addition to UFOs, airplanes and helicopters, he is also fascinated by the animal world, and never tires of browsing through thematic books to get inspired. Tauscher's works are found in many private collections.

The presentation of exceptional drawers such as Johann Hauser, Oswald Tschirtner and August Walla has a long tradition with us, and we are very pleased to be able to continue this tradition with this exhibition. As different as the depicted worlds are, the three artists are united by the fact that they work every day and that their works have an inherent humor that brings a smile to the viewer's lips. Especially in times like these, humor and that you surround yourself with art that brings joy and fascinates you are something very important.

We are looking forward to your visit!*

*Due to the current regulations, we invite you to an **Open Gallery Day** this time! From **10 am to 7 pm** you can take a leisurely stroll through our exhibition and enjoy a personal guided tour. No registration is necessary.

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