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## **EMELI THEANDER**

b 1984 Gothenburg, Sweden . Lives and works in Berlin.

### **VITA**

#### **Education**

2006 - 2011 Fine Art - University of the Arts - Berlin - DE

2011-2012 Masters - UdK - Berlin - DE

#### **Solo Exhibitions**

2019

Vivid Vacation - Hoorn & Reniers - The Hague - NL

2018

A pit full of Ghosts - Galerie d'YS - Brussels - BE

2017

Not Guided to get here - Frauenmuseum/Kommunale Galerie - Berlin - DE

Limbo Losers - Edmond Gallery - Berlin - DE

2014

Vittring - Dorothea Konwiarz Stiftung - Berlin - DE

2013

Irrgäster - Parrotta Contemporary Art - Stuttgart - DE

2011

Bleirauch - Parrotta Contemporary Art - Stuttgart - DE

Gastkramad - Galerie Adler - Frankfurt am Main - DE

2010

Billige Zirpen - R 4.4, Hochschule für Grafik und Buchkunst - Leipzig - DE

Gwishin Birds Sanctuary - Platoon Kunsthalle - Seoul - KR

2009

Eat my soul as a bird pick a worm - Black Jim Gallery - Berlin - DE

2008

Insomnia - Total Gallery - Berlin - DE

2007

Tier im Spiegel - Létrétage - Berlin - DE

#### **Group Exhibitions**

2018

Peripheral Objects of Attention - Estonian Museum of Applied Arts and Design - Tallinn - EE

Les sables mouvants - Espace á Vendre - Nice - FR

Intime(s) - Galerie C - Neuchâtel - CH

2017

Doing Identity - Die Sammlung Reydan Weiss - Kunstmuseum Bochum - Bochum - DE

49 Contemporary Artists by Enter Art Foundation - Berlin - DE

Lines of unthought - Edmond Gallery - Berlin - DE

2016

Happy Birthday Galerie C! - Galerie C - Neuchâtel - CH



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Mauvaises Graines - Topographie de l'art - Paris - FR  
Reality is boring - Platoon Kunsthalle - Mexico - MX  
2015

Träume - Galerie C - Neuchâtel - CH  
Enfances - Galerie d'YS - Brussels - BE  
Kein Wunder, dass es zittert - Novilla - Berlin - DE  
YIA Art Fair - Carreau du Temple - Paris - FR  
X/I - Villa St. Georg - Eltville - DE  
Drawing Now - Carreau du Temple - Paris - FR

2014

La Vengeance de Mathilde - Galerie C - Neuchâtel - DE  
Stipendiatinnen 2014/15 - Dorothea Konwiarz Stiftung - Berlin - DE  
Drawing Now - Carreau du Temple - Paris - FR

2012

Landschaftsgänger - Parrotta Contemporary Art - Stuttgart - DE  
Überall und Nirgends - Kunsthaus Villa Jaus - Oberstdorf - DE  
Meisterausstellung - Quergalerie - UdK - Berlin - DE  
Setzen Sie auf diese Karte - Quergalerie - UdK - Berlin - DE

2011

D'accord - Neonchocolate Gallery - Berlin - DE  
La Cabana - Haus am Lützowplatz - Berlin - DE  
Starving Artist Super Star - Berlin - DE  
Veilchen - Uferhallen - Berlin - DE  
Wilde Jäger - Frisch - Halle am Wasser - Berlin - DE  
Best of - Galerie Adler - Frankfurt am Main - DE  
From eternity to here - LARMgalleri - Copenhagen - DK  
Absolventenausstellung - Quergalerie - UdK - Berlin - DE

### **Collections**

SØR Rusche Sammlung Oelde - Berlin - DE  
Sammlung Reydan Weiss - Essen - DE

### **Awards & Grants**

2014 - 2015 Dorothea Konwiarz Stipendium - Berlin - DE  
2013 Förderpreis für Malerei - The Merkel Collection - Rhein Neckar Delta - DE  
2009 - 2011 Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes - DE

### **Residencies**

2010 Six months Artist-in-Residence at Platoon Kunsthalle in Seoul - KR

### **Publications**

2019

Emeli Theander paints the paradise in her head - Den Haag Central  
The subconscious archeology in technological art - Postimees Kultur

2014

Provins #1  
Le Salon du dessin contemporain - Drawing Now Paris



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#### Arts Magazine

Artension - le magazine de l'art vivant #124

Dans les Foires, dessins intimes et art brut en série - Le Monde

Playgrounds and battlefields, critical perspectives of social engagement - TLU Press

Gurlesque - 10TAL #15

2012

Überall und nirgends - Werke aus der Sammlung Reydan Weiss - Villa Jaus - Kerber Verlag

Tenwordsandoneshot Volume II

Geisterstunde - Stuttgarter Zeitung

2011

Emeli Theander - The ghost painter - Edición Especial Magazine

Emeli Theander - re.flect - Ausgabe 1

2010

Tell me Tell me Tell me something about yourself - Unique Fashion Magazine

#### **ARTIST STATEMENT**

The seduction of Emeli Theander's work lies in the peculiar way she combines the poetry of dreams and the marvel of children's tales. It is figurative, in the sense that it is a setting for mysterious totemic figures at the cusp of fantasy and myth. In a cold, aquatic light, creatures- half-human, half-animal - from the Norse legends, strike a pose, watching us. Their pink flesh contrasts violently with the extraordinary shadowy masks they wear as disguises, a baroque mishmash of all kinds of animals, birds, rabbits, fish or wolves, between dreamlike superimposition and carnival madness. In her paintings and drawings she weaves a tight net of, as she puts it, "sweet and scary moments", of obsessions, of recurring motifs which suggest that her work lends itself to be read like a story: the eye, the mirror, the circle, the mask, doubles, twins, animal hybrids. The eye and the mirror serve as metaphors for the work of art (an invitation to look) and for narcissistic desire (to see oneself and to be seen in order to exist). In Theander's work we see the image of the self at the edges of psychic dislocation. A strange theatre showing a playful state of human fragility." (Excerpts from the exhibition text of *Limbo Losers* by Eric Vinassac)