

# **JULIA BENZ**

b 1985 Wittlich, Germany . Lives and works in Berlin.

#### **VITA**

## Education

- 2015 Masterclass Degree in Painting at University of Arts Berlin (Professor Burkhard Held)
- 2012 -2014 Painting at University of Arts Berlin (Professor Burkhard Held)
- 2010 2012 Painting at Art Academy Düsseldorf

#### Exhibitions:

- 2016, September Don't hug me. I'm scared. Solo Exhibition, Die Kunstagentin Gallery Cologne, Germany
- 2016, April What the Weekend is Gallery Group Exhibition, The Art Union Berlin, Germany
- 2015, November Yalla! Go Paint Khartoum! Project Organisation and Workshop with Goethe Institut Sudan Khartoum, Sudan
- 2015, October Art. Fair Cologne Art Fair, Die Kunstagentin Gallery Cologne, Germany
- 2015, September Lost in Trainstation Solo Exhibition, Heliumcowboy Artspace Hamburg, Germany
- 2015, September Art Copenhagen Art Fair, Heliumcowboy Artspace Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2015, August Yalla Mural WDR WestART Television Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2015, July Millerntor Gallery #5 Group Exhibition Millerntor Gallery Hamburg, Germany
- 2015, June Scope Art Basel Art Fair, Heliumcowboy Artspace Basel, Switzerland
- 2015, May 60 Jahre Kunst Group Exhibition, Heliumcowboy Artspace Hamburg, Germany
- 2015, April Das eigene Ich Group Exhibition, Affenfaust Gallery Hamburg, Germany
- 2015, February We love Youganda Mural at Nation Theater Kampala, Millerntor Gallery Kampala, Uganda
- 2014, December Window Seat Solo Exhibition, Die Kunstagentin Gallery Cologne, Germany
- 2014, November Yalla! Go Paint Khartoum! Project Organisation and Workshop with Goethe Institut Sudan Khartoum. Sudan
- 2014, October Down by Law Solo Exhibition, Eichblatt Gallery Berlin, Germany
- 2014, September Knotenpunkt 2014 Group Exhibition, Affenfaust Gallery Hamburg, Germany
- 2014, July Millerntor Gallery #4 Group Exhibition Millerntor Gallery Hamburg, Germany
- 2014, May Project M/4 Group Exhibition, Urban Nation Berlin, Germany
- 2014, April Community Clash #3 Group Exhibition, Artconnect Berlin Berlin, Germany
- 2013, December Everything Amazing Nobody Happy Solo Exhibition, Urban Spree Berlin, Germany
- 2013, July The Circle Show Group Exhibition, Heliumcowboy Artspace Hamburg, Germany
- 2013, July Millerntor Gallery #3 Group Exhibition Millerntor Gallery Hamburg, Germany
- 2012, October Blooom Art.Fair Art Fair, Die Kunstagentin Gallery Cologne, Germany
- 2012, July Give it a second, It's going to Space Group Exhibition, Die Kunstagentin Gallery Cologne, Germany

## ARTIST STATEMENT

My work is an on-going pilgrimage taking my experiences and translating them into a visual narrative through painting. I was born in town in Germany, where I was exposed to classical European painters. This inspired me



to study at Dusseldorf Art Academy. There I found my passion was with bold complementary color palettes that create depth and space. My painting style ranges from conceptual themes inspired by imagination, nature and architecture. Figurative elements and references find their way into my work as accents to the compositions. The juxtaposition abstraction my work focuses on takes these as the foundation for my visual narrative. For me - the process of painting begins with the act of gesture and color. Over time as I work out my inspiration the idea and concepts work themselves into the paintings. I focus on contemporary painting to relate to the viewer. Bringing expression and energy to every artwork I create.