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Exhibition Marc Lambrechts, Cosmic Playground **Galerie Pugliese Levi, Berlin**

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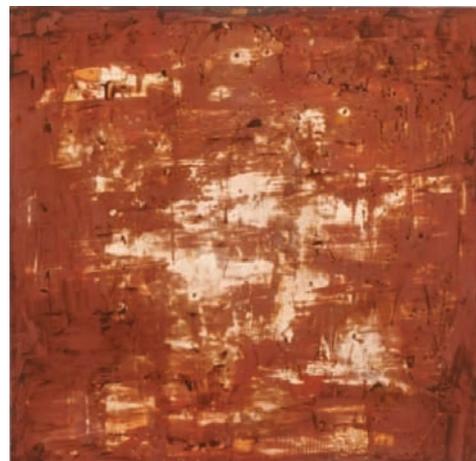
Galerie Pugliese Levi shows the paintings of New York based artist Marc Lambrechts for the first time in Berlin. With basal patterns, materials, and techniques, executed mostly on wood, plaster, and paper, his works open views into hidden worlds. The macrocosms of nature, life, and universal space appear in microcosmic correspondences on the manifold surfaces of the paintings. Lambrechts captures the metaphysics of our world with light-handed charm.

The artists summons cosmic visions with the humblest matter: corn husks and banana leaves, bamboo and cement, latex and leather. Surfaces emerge that are never flat; captured energies reverberate in their depths and elevations. Opened up by carefully and precisely implemented scratchings, other surfaces beneath emerge, in a playful tension of the pierced realities of the universe. In the works on paper the fragile, thinned out surface turns into a fluttering veil.

The image is never just an image. For the artist renders the fabric of the universe with supple lines of a shimmering grid – a cheese cloth imprinted on leather – upon which space flowers grow (*Space Flowers*). And the universe is never just a universe; sometimes it resembles incandescent cities (*City of Light*).



Cosmic Playground, 2017, 107 x 107 cm



City of Light, 2017, 107 x 107 cm

Born in the Belgian province of Antwerp in 1955, Marc Lambrechts lives and works in Brooklyn, New York. Following numerous exhibitions in the United State, his works were recently shown in Belgium (at *Art Nocturne* in Knokke) and London (exhibition *Starstuff*). His work is in private, corporate, and institutional collections worldwide, including the collection of Edward Albee, and was reviewed in publications such as *ARTnews* and *New York Times*.

The exhibition is accompanied by a catalogue.

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