

Thomas Helbig, FUTUR

Anders Clausen

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Born in Rosenheim in 1967, Thomas Helbig today lives and works in Berlin. He will be showing new sculptures that seem to have landed in the gallery from another world. Helbig destroys commonplace, mass-produced, naturalistic figures normally intended for decorative purposes and forces their fragments into strangely futurist forms and structures. Berthold Reiss writes: *"[found objects] are reunited in Helbig's sculptures into the distorted image of an organism [...]. We do not know what forces and powers determine our destiny. We do not know who we ourselves are. It is in the works of Thomas Helbig, however, that the psychic energies that dominate us find their form, their exact and authentic expression."*

Helbig's drawings and paintings, on the other hand, are like windows that open out onto a completely different, dematerialized world: traces and vestiges of abstract, modernistic forms seem to hover weightlessly, enigmatically and poetically in the vastness of the cosmos.

Anders Clausen

Anders Clausen, born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1978, today lives and works in London, where he graduated from the Royal College of Art in 2007. Apart from the RCA Sculpture Show at the Royal College of Art and participation in a group exhibition in London, the forthcoming showing of his works at the Rüdiger Schöttle Gallery will be this young artist's first exhibition. Clausen combines sculptures with wall art (graphics and collages).

Light and dark heads rest on tall, slender pedestals: the human face in the process of becoming and decaying. Vaguely gazing faces, some coarsely, others finely modelled, dreamily while their time away in an interim world. Some wear accessories or hats, as though they are on their twilight way to some uncertain destiny. Others emerge from cascades of colour or gypsum. Clausen uses various materials for his sculptures, such as a wood, gypsum and paint.

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