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Galleria Patricia Armocida is happy to announce "*My Happy Place*", a solo exhibition by Katharina Arndt opening on Tuesday January 28, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Katharina Arndt, who grew up in East Germany, remembers the thrilling kaleidoscope of consumerism that ensued after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Recollecting her first childhood visit to the West, she said: "I remember all the colors and I don't know how many different kinds of chocolate bars." Arndt acts as an outside observer: her quick, colorful paintings satirize the mass consumerist aesthetic of our contemporary society, reflecting on daily life in the digital age. Her works, with their lively and whimsical subjects, conceal traces of an unfiltered reality, reminding viewers that the images we are presented with are often moments captured out of context, constructed to be shared.

Perhaps even more powerful than the "real" life Arndt smuggles into her paradisaical scenes, are the painful realities lurking beyond the frame. In the same warm Mediterranean water where many of her subjects play, refugees struggle and suffer in unprecedented numbers.

The plastic cups that girls drink cheap mojitos from on the beach will find their way into oceans or landfills. A devastating war is waged on the same continent as the sunbathing European tourists she depicts.

In Arndt's paintings, life's fleeting pleasures are met with enthusiasm and gratitude, but always held in tension with the uneven way they are experienced, both in our personal lives and in respect to our broader privilege.

The artist's intent is not to denigrate the hedonistic escapism of her subjects, but rather to implicate herself in the complex dynamics she interrogates in her work by inserting herself as a subject in many of her paintings. Representing "islands of respite," moments of lightness in the chaotic and complicated dynamics of life.

To see both the joy and the irony that are woven into the little moments of levity that act as a means of relief from the troubling realities of life. Brief moments when we can be free of our daily anxieties, both big and small, and find a way to embrace it all in its dissonant fullness.

"My hope for my work is that people smile and have the opportunity to reflect about the superficiality of it all. That's my goal."

Katharina Arndt

BIO

Katharina Arndt (*1981, Oschatz) lives and works between Berlin and Barcelona. From 2000 to 2005 she studied Fine Arts at Braunschweig School of Art in Germany, and in 2006 she obtained her Master of Fine Arts with John Armleder (*1948), a Swiss multi-talented conceptual artist, performance and object artist, painter, sculptor and art critic.

She expresses herself through a reflection on language and esthetics of the digital age. The recurring theme in her art is "superficiality" within the paradox of the hyperreal, immaterial online world that transforms consumers into products. Hence, the artist transposes the esthetics and language of the virtual world into material creations on artificial media: canvas with PU laquer priming and Neons. Her works depict archetypal characters socially involved in the consumeristic system who become symbolic figures: they often wear sunglasses or headphones and are looking at cell phones, they're socially active yet totally isolated. The landscapes are ephemeral and volatile: we often see palm trees, blue skies, and brightly colored airplanes that allude to consumer wellbeing in its ephemeral form.

Katharina Arndt's works are currently part of the collections of Saatchi Gallery, London, UK and Sammlung Haupt, Berlin, Germany.

Some solo shows:

2025 VIN Gallery "A beautiful day", Shanghai, China
Garden of the Zodiac "All I ever wanted", Omaha, US
2024-2023 MAP Gallery "Preferred conditions", Berlin, Germany
Artual gallery "Don't call me Babe", Beirut, Lebanon
Station gallery "Divas after work", Bratislava, Slovakia
Mott Projects "While waiting for death", New York, US
Redd gallery "Hot guys, hot chicks, hot pants", Chania, Greece
Vin gallery "Whoop Whoop", Saigon, Vietnam
Kanya Kage "Welcome to the Pleasure Dome", Berlin, Germany
2022-2021 Unit 1 Gallery "You look so good at night", London, UK
Gallery Uxval Gochez "Forever young", Barcelona, Spain
SommerFrischeKunst "Private BEACH", Bad Gastein, Austria
Fang Studio "Never not pretending", Leipzig, Germania
Framed "EASY EASY", Berlin, Germany
2020 Strayfield Gallery "Faye Dunaway on Mondays", Copenhagen, Denmark

Some group shows:

2025 Feinkunst Krüger "Horsing around", Hamburg, Germany
Galerie Maia Muller "Self portraits", Paris, France
2024 Pamplemousse gallery "Best of show", Richmond, US
TAM - Tokyo Art Museum "Animals", Tokyo, Japan
Kuckei Kuckei "Primavera", Palma, Spain
2023 MEWO Kunsthalle "Speaking in Colors", Memmingen, Germany
Galleria Patricia Armocida "Pelle", Milan, Italy
GÄRNA ART "Summer time", Madrid, Spain
Collectors Room "Jupiter II", Hamburg, Germany
2022 Artual gallery "Unprecedented Reality", Beirut, Lebanon
Garden of the Zodiac "Animals", Omaha, US
Museum bread and Art "From still life to food porn", Ulm, Germany
2021 Weserhalle "Art Auction", Berlin, Germany
BODE Projects "29 at Reinbeckhallen", Berlin, Germany
Collectors Room "Höhenrausch #2", Hamburg, Germany
Kulturquartier "3 Wünsche frei 2.0", Erfurt, Germany
Räume XS meets Wilhelmshallen "Hallen #2", Berlin, Germany
Gallery Uxval Gochez "Needful things", Barcelona, Spain
2020 Neues Kunsthaus "PAGANISMUS", Ahrenshoop, Germany
2019 Arte Aurora Galeria "Futura", Barcelona, Spain
Espronceda "Dark & Stormy", Barcelona, Spain



Katharina Arndt
Fat palmtree, 2023
Acrylic on canvas
41 x 33 cm

€1.500,00



Katharina Arndt
Shaved palm tree, 2023
Acrylic on canvas
41 × 33 cm

€1.500,00



Katharina Arndt
Group of palmtrees, 2023
Acrylic on canvas
41 × 33 cm

€1.500,00



Katharina Arndt
Marks Kaktus, 2023
Acrylic on canvas
41 × 33 cm

€1.500,00 (Reserved)



Katharina Arndt
Roller Girl #1 (sketch), 2022
Acrylic paint and marker on paper
53,2 × 42 cm

€1.090,00



Katharina Arndt
Fluffy purple dog (sketch), 2022
Acrylic paint, ballpen and marker on paper
42 × 29,7 cm

€790,00



Katharina Arndt
Asian boy with pearl earrings #1 (sketch), 2022
Acrylic paint and marker on paper
59,4 × 42 cm

€1.200,00



Katharina Arndt
Winter in Berlin (with dog), 2024
Acrylic on paper
59,4 × 42 cm

€1.200,00



Katharina Arndt
Red Lipstick (sketch), 2024
Acrylic on paper
42 x 29,7 cm

€790,00



Katharina Arndt
The green Outfit (sketch), 2024
Acrylic on paper
42 x 29,7 cm

€790,00



Katharina Arndt
Self portrait with cigarette (sketch), 2022
Acrylic paint and marker on paper
42 x 29,7 cm

€790,00



Katharina Arndt
My Milano outfit (sketch), 2023
Acrylic paint and marker on paper
42 x 29,7 cm

€790,00



Katharina Arndt
Cool outfit #2 (sketch), 2022
Acrylic paint and marker on paper
42 x 29,7 cm

€790,00



Katharina Arndt
Me petting Annes cat, 2024
Acrylic on paper
59,4 × 42 cm

€1.200,00



Katharina Arndt
Fancy dog in fancy bag, 2024
Acrylic on paper
42 x 59,4 cm

€1.200,00



Katharina Arndt
Old dog in a bag, 2024
Acrylic on paper
42 x 59,4 cm

€1.200,00



Katharina Arndt
La Isla bonita, 2024
Acrylic on canvas
85 x 60 cm

€3.200,00



Katharina Arndt
The 2 Coffee Pots, 2024
Acrylic on canvas
27 x 22 cm

€990,00



Katharina Arndt
Greene King, 2024
Acrylic on canvas
27 x 22 cm

€990,00



Katharina Arndt
The pink sunglasses, 2024
Acrylic on paper
42 x 29,7 cm

€790,00



Katharina Arndt
Dog at night, 2024
Acrylic on paper
42 x 59,4 cm

€1.200,00



Katharina Arndt
Julia #15, 2024
Acrylic on paper
42 × 29,7 cm

€790,00



Katharina Arndt
Espresso Martini #2, 2024
Acrylic on paper
42 × 29,7 cm

€790,00



Katharina Arndt
Take your shirt off, 2024
Acrylic on paper
42 x 29,7 cm

€790,00



Katharina Arndt
Depressed terrier (sketch), 2022
Marker, acrylic paint, ballpen on paper
42 x 29,7 cm

€790,00



Katharina Arndt
The red wool hat (sketch), 2024
Acrylic on paper
42 × 29,7 cm

€790,00



Katharina Arndt
Leo Jacket + Coffee to go (sketch), 2024
Acrylic on paper
42 × 29,7 cm

€790,00



Katharina Arndt
Proud little Girl, 2024
Acrylic on paper
42 x 29,7 cm

(Reserved)



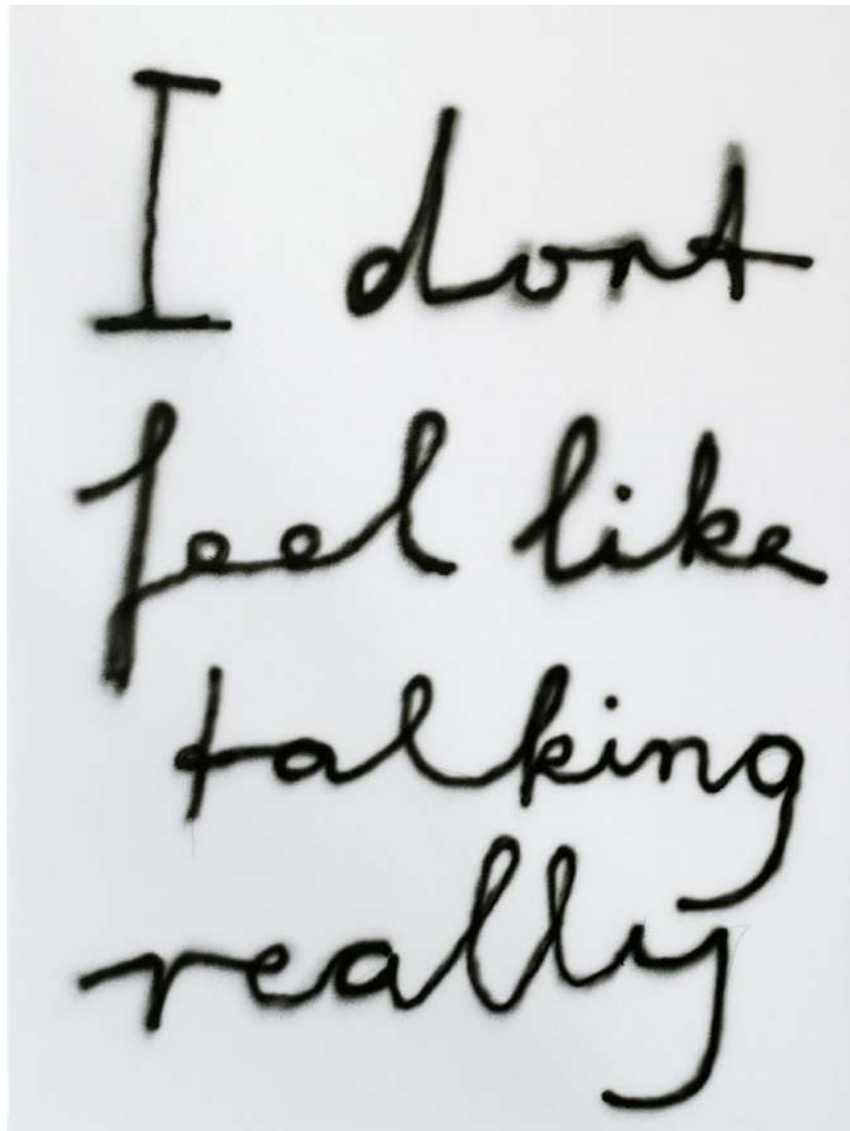
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Girls with grey Jogging pants (sketch), 2024
Acrilico su carta
42 x 29,7 cm

€690,00 (unframed)



Katharina Arndt
Shopping again at last (sketch), 2021
Marker, acrylic paint, ballpen on paper
29,7 × 21 cm

€490,00 (unframed)



Katharina Arndt
I don't feel like talking really, 2021
Acrylic paint and marker on lacquer fabric
90 × 65 cm

€3.400,00



Katharina Arndt
Cat at night, 2024
Acrylic on paper
59,4 x 42 cm

€1.200,00



Katharina Arndt
At "*Tante Lisbeth*" #1, 2024
Acrylic on canvas
85 x 60 cm

€3.200,00



Katharina Arndt
At "Tante Lisbeth" #2, 2024
Acrylic on canvas
85 x 60 cm

€3.200,00



Katharina Arndt
My Chanel mini, 2024
Acrylic on canvas
30 x 40 cm

€1.500,00



Katharina Arndt
My Favorite Outfit Currently, 2022
Acrylic on canvas
180 x 125 cm

€ 5.900,00