



MIHAI FLOREA

FREE WILL

Anaid Art Gallery
Joachimstraße 7
D-10119, Berlin-Mitte

15. September – 14. November 2015
Opening hours: Tues – Sa, 12 – 6 pm

*“Step, of your own free will,
beyond time, space and reality.”
FM (Florea Mihai)*

Anaid Art Gallery will open its Berlin location on Tuesday, 15th September 2015 at 7:00 pm, at Joachimstraße 7 in 10119 Berlin - Mitte.

Anaid Art Gallery Berlin will open with an inaugural solo show by Mihai Florea, titled “Free Will”. The project “Free Will” was exhibited for the first time in 2013 at Anaid Art Gallery in Bucharest, Romania.

Anaid Art Gallery first opened over a decade ago in Bucharest, Romania, and has been since then a promoter of contemporary art to an increasing number of Romanian and international audience in Bucharest and abroad. The new location situated in the heart of the international contemporary art capital, Berlin - Mitte will host contemporary art exhibitions signed by emerging and established artists.



Alnitak, 2013
Mixed Technik: tire, painted wood
H15, Ø50

“Free Will” features a project about the extended universe, about possible universes, and why not, about parallel universes that coexist. “Free Will” reveals multiple worlds where all possible and future alternative theories are real, each one representing a “real world” or a “real universe”, containing everything that exists and could exist.

Mihai Florea is interested in the immersion, through our minds, into an alternative history that implies a sort of time travel. This time, the journey is marked by reflections on the shiny surfaces of vintage cars or cars not yet invented. It involves an inter-dimensional travel in a parallel universe that can coexist with our real universe. Each work is accompanied by an exact description of the time it is referring to. We start our journey in the Year 1894 in Paris; we observe UFOs in Roswell in 1947; we arrive in Havana of 1953; we feel the bulletproof atmosphere of Moscow in 1981;



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and arrive in the future, with sophisticated Barcelona of 2303. Time travel can cause a change in the timeline, a branching out point that will lead to changes in the present. Since the future is only feasible, we may say that multiple possible universes could coexist under the idea of "multiple universes".

This suggests that our world simultaneously thrives with other ones that are under expansion.

Mihai Florea was born in 1986 in Reghin, Transilvania, Romania. He is one of the leading young artists from Romania with exhibitions in USA, Turkey, Germany. A graduate of the University of Art Bucharest,

Projecting borgian "fork roads", Mihai Florea has the capacity to dream and design worlds in a different manner. Mihai Florea's paintings present us a labyrinth of alternative reflected worlds that multiply within an ephemeral reality. Starting from the figurative painting of hyper realistic origins, Mihai Florea essentialize the image until it reaches abstraction. The viewer will feel the need to return, "gearing" a different and unpredictable interpretation each time.

Mihai Florea discusses in an ironic-comic key some of the most important events that had marked or mark the contemporary society. His works could be found in important private collections from Romania, Austria, Germany, USA.