

## CECILIE ELLEFSEN 'IN THE FOREST DEEP' (NOR)

Cecilie Ellefsen is a Norwegian illustrator and artist currently working at Commando Group in Oslo. Growing up in rural Norway, she has always been inspired by nature and animals. 'In the Forest deep' communicates the feeling of finding that secret childhood forest alive with enchanted critters, hollow trees, traps, treasures and hideaways.

2 Agenten, Galerie für Illustration | Gartenstr. 1, 10115 Mar 17-22, 12-18h Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19h



## FONS SCHIEDON 'BEFORE IN PLACE - EARLIER IN TIME' (NL)

Fons Schiedon presents his second series of paintings in a Berlin premiere. His visual treatment continues to be inspired by the techniques of animated film, but these new works move further away from strict figuration. Materialising fragments of warped memories and detached associations, the works act as a time capsule recording the process of painting. In an intuitive mud fight, these are assembled by over-painting the canvas numerous times, embracing unforeseen changes and accidents.

Lodown 'Gallery Westberlin' | Brunnenstr. 56, 13355 Mar 17-Apr 05, by appointment | Mar 17-22, 12-18h Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19h www.fonsschiedon.com | www.lodownmagazine.com



# PICTOPLASMA 'CHARACTERS IN MOTION

The series 'Characters in Motion' puts the style back into animation. Focusing on cutting-edge character design, Pictoplasma showcases an annual overview of the most outstanding music visuals and the freshest short films and motion graphics from across the globe. For the duration of the Character Walk, visitors can savour the gastronomical delights on offer at the  ${\tt Collegium\, Hungaricum\, restaurant\, while\, watching\, a\, ret-}$ rospective of the all-time favourite animations

Cocco B | Dorotheenstr. 12, 10117 Mar 17-22, 19-24h www.hungaricum.de



Christian Montenegro's images may look like expressionist woodblock prints but they are actually sumptuous pieces of digital sophistication. The first solo show of the Argentine artist in  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Germany}}$ features 7 evil characters. 7 faces destroyed by vice and depravity. 7 paths best avoided. 7 tips for becoming a better human being. 7 moments for wondering what you are doing with your life, 7 lessons for

Johanssen Gallery | Gormannstr. 23, 10119 Mar 17-Apr 02, Tue-Sat, 11-19h | Special Sunday Mar 22, 12-18h | Vernissage: Tue, Mar 17, 19h



#### **GROUP EXHIBITION 'ARGENTINEAN SILK-SCREEN PRINTS'**

Juliana Pedemonte, Chu aka Julian Pablo Manzelli, Gaston Caba and Paquerama aka Matias Vigliano are not only some of the world's most talented character designers, all of whom just happen to be Argentinean, they also pursue a meticulous craftsmanship in the ambitious medium of silk-screen printing. Mastering the art of subtle colour variations and playfully detailed outlines, these works combine arabesque patterns with bold, contemporary character design.

artSPACE Berlin | Linienstr. 109, 10115 Mar 17-22, 13-18h www.colorblok.com | www.studiochu.tv | www.parquerama.com www.gastoncaba.com.ar | www.artspace-berlin.de



Never be scared. Don't be a hero. London, Barcelona, Milano, New York, Buenos Aires, Tokyo - no major capital city has been left untouched by the iconic characters of Flying Fortress or The London Police. These figurative street art pioneers are old hands at collaboration. So come and watch the infamous  $\operatorname{Teddy}$ Troops join the Lads in an abandoned gas station in Prenzlauer Berg for a spot-the-reference shoot out.

FIT freie internationale tankstelle Schwedter Str. 262, 10119 | Mar 17- Apr 30, 0-24h www.flying-fortress.de | www.thelondonpolice.com



### STEFANO PEDRINI 'SOMNIA QUAE MEI OCULI VIDERUNT' (IT)

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Kwikshop | Kastanienallee 44, 10119 Mar 17-22, 11-19h Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19h www.p3dro.com | www.kwikshop.de



### JUAN PABLO CAMBARIERE 'ESSAY ON POWER' (ARG)

Argentine artist Juan Pablo Cambariere is concerned about power, corruption, social responsibility and manipulation, but instead of going into law or politics, he studied art and started making puppets. His 'raros objetos' are an inquiry into the logic of the marionette, the fundamentals of animation and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ the possibility of creating iconic designs through sculptural processes.

VR-Gallery | Kastanienallee 44, 10119 Mar 17-22, 11-19h Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19h



i am 8-bit, the annual Los Angeles computer game aesthetics art extravaganza, comes to Berlin with a twist.ich bin 8-bit uses standard Post-it Notes to create the ultimate pixelated canvas. It is a show within a show, featuring an all-enveloping installation by Jude Buffum, and original doodles by some of the most prolific character designers in animation and comics including Emmy-winners Jorge R. Gutierrez and Sandra Equihua, Gabe Swarr, Jim Mahfood and MyTarPit.

Neurotitan Gallery | Rosenthaler Str. 39, 10178 Mar 17-Apr 11, Mon-Sat 12-20h, Sun 14-19h Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 12h www.iam8bit.com | www.neurotitan.de

ALBERT BERTOLÍN 'LIKE A RAT ON STRYCHNINE' (ES)

Panatom™ Gallery | Torstr. 100, 10119 Berlin

Albert Bertolín is an illustrator, visual artist and

musician from Barcelona who is currently living a

hermit-like existence in Menorca. His illustrations

and paintings combine zombies and art to create sub-

versive and childish hooligan-stories steeped in

sarcasm. Having provoked a furore at Clubtransme-

diale 2007 in Berlin, Albert is back with a selection

of painfully dramatic new paintings, toxic as a rat



### W+K TOKYO LAB 'TOKYO.TEN' (JP)

W+K Tokyo Lab is a laboratory for hybrid culture. It develops new experiences that are specific to contemporary Tokyo, fusing a global mix of music, art,  $visuals \ and \ other \ forms \ of \ expression \ with \ a \ uniquely$ collaborative approach. The exhibition features a  $\verb|visual| \verb|remix| \verb| of recent| \verb|work| \verb| with a focus on character|$ design, along with new artwork from collaborators both inside and outside of Japan, offering their per spectives on Tokyo and Japanese culture.

Neurotitan Gallery | Rosenthaler Str. 39, 10178 Mar 17-Apr 11, Mon-Sat 12-20h, Sun 14-19h Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 12h www.wktokyolab.com | www.neurotitan.de



extremely manipulative!

KERR, GISELIND, P.S.S., GLAUBITZ 'UP SO MANY' (USA/GER/MX)

Chris Kerr, North America's tallest living artist,

paints, draws and makes tiny wooden sculptures.

Giselind von Wurmb paints and draws abstract char-

acters, part deformed, part geometric. Mexican

artist Charles Glaubitz creates paintings and draw-

ings in which pop icons are engulfed in archetypical

settings. And The Pathetic Sympathy Seekers cre-

ate performances and situations aimed at gaining

acceptance or even love - but watch out, they can be

Kunstklub Berlin | Greifswalder Str. 223, 10405

## **GROUP EXHIBITION 'HARD LEFT 2' (USA/GER)**

Founded in Los Angeles in 1997, the Merry Karnowsky Gangpol & Mit combine their graphical/musical talents to create a deviant cartoon world where garish, Gallery champions artists who push the boundaries of geometrical creatures evolve in lysergic environformal definition. In 2008, Karnowsky opened a second ments. To the sound of coconut swing, boogaloo noise gallery in Berlin, featuring artists such as Camille and tango massacre, the Technicolor frenzy of DIY Rose Garcia, James Marshall aka Dalek, Junko Mizuno, Mark Ryden, Miss Van, Kill Pixie and many more. This is entertainment gives way to an uncanny dimension. A a very special show to celebrate one year of Merry Kardog is run over, there is a technological apocalypse nowsky Berlin and the Character Walk.

> Merry Karnowsky Gallery Berlin | Torstr. 175, 10115 Mar 17-May 16, Tue-Sat 13-19h Special Sunday: Mar 22, 12-18h

www.mkgallery.com



#### **ETHNOLOGISCHES MUSEUM BERLIN / PERMANENT COLLECTION**

The Ethnological Museum in Berlin Dahlem Dorf is one of the leading museums of its kind worldwide. It houses a collection of over 500,000 cultural objects from pre-industrial societies across Africa, Asia, the Americas, Australia and the South Pacific, as well as an extensive archive of photographic documentary material. The museum's collection of ritualistic masks should be of particular interest to the Pictoplasma visitor, not to mention highly inspiring. Entrance is free with a Pictoplasma conference ticket!

Ethnologisches Museum Berlin | Lansstr. 8, 14195 Tue-Fri 10-18h, Sat-Sun 11-18h

PARSONS / THE NEW SCHOOL 'UGLY IS BEAUTIFUL' (USA)

The illustrious Illustration Program at Parsons New

School for Design, New York, focuses on visual story-

telling, character and toy design. Three of the artists

featured in the main Pictopia exhibition graduated

there: AJ Fosik, Aaron Stewart and Motomichi Naka-

mura, as did David Horvath (Ugly Dolls) and Peter de

Sève, the character designer of the Ice Age movies.

Parsons presents a selection of fresh work by current

students, along with student work by noted alumni.

Collegium Hungaricum | Dorotheenstr. 12, 10117

www.parsons.edu/illustration | www.hungaricum.de

Mar 17-22, 10-19h

Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19h



### PROTEY TEMEN 'BREAKFAST HEROES' (RUS)

Breakfast consists of three elements: logo, character and food. A huge army of tigers and alligators, birds and bears awaits us every morning. But as Moscow-based artist Protey Temen is all too aware, very soon they will all be copyrighted for cereal boxes. Taking the bull by the horns, Protey has developed a new league of characters, combining abstract elements with a unique twist. Ladies and gentlemen, please raise your coffee cups to the Breakfast Heroes portraits installation: the future face of packaging.

Open Studio | Brunnenstr. 54, 13355 Mar 17-22, 15-20h | Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19-22h www.proteytemen.com | www.hazel-nuts.com |

FRANÇOIS CHALET 'THE WINDOW' (CH)

liner Technische Kunsthochschule.

Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19h

Mar 17-22, 10-19h

Acclaimed for his high-charm reductive geometrics,

François Chalet returns to Berlin with a new friend.

Nosy will be living in the Collegium Hungaricum for  $\,$ 

the duration of the Character Walk. Come and visit

him as soon as it gets dark - look through the big win-

dow for Nosy antics! François will also be showing a

selection of animations made by his students at  $\ensuremath{\mathtt{Ber}}$ 

Collegium Hungaricum | Dorotheenstr. 12, 10117

www.francoischalet.ch | www.hungaricum.de



### TADO 'THE PRIVATE PANDA CLUB' (UK)

The Private Panda Club is an exclusive Pictomembersonly venue where you can get in touch with the animal inside you. Join the cutest pandas on earth, morphed by the warped minds of TADO, the ingenious duo from England, famous for the teeth-rotting sweetness of their designs. This is saccharine and  $\ensuremath{\operatorname{sex}}$  everyone!

Less Rain Basement | Linienstr. 154 A, 10115 Mar 17-22, 11-19h Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19h www.tado.co.uk | www.blog.lessrain.com/basement

ZSOLT GYARMATI 'DIOXINDAUER' (HU)

can, bound together with rope.

Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19h

Mar 17-22, 10-19h

'Art should make people conscious of unconscious things

that may remain unconscious even consciously.' Hun-

garian artist Zsolt Gyarmati makes paintings that

collage fragments of reality, seemingly devoid of any

organising principle, pieced together like a comic

strip. These are streams of consciousness where dig-

ital overload converges with thoughts sprayed from a

Collegium Hungaricum | Dorotheenstr. 12, 10117

www.zsoltgyarmati.com | www.hungaricum.de



Nina Braun has made a name for herself knitting and sewing in the analogue world. She produces elaborate soft and silky sculptures in wool and fabric that have taken the plush-doll phenomenon to new heights. Her drawings form the basis for this work: characters with simple forms, clear outlines and tiny eyes that stare out at you. Nina has recently moved to Berlin and we are greatly honoured to be able to present her first solo show here

PAULA IMMICH / Presque Fini | Brunnenstr. 53, 13355 Mar 17-22, 12-20h Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19-22h



on strychnine!

# JOUMI 'CHARACTERRORSCHACHKALEIDOSCOPE' (GER)

Joumi invite you to participate in a visual research project into the emergence of figuration from fluidity. Rorschachcharactoscope — use your senses and your feet to create a character with its own sound. Shape and sound converge. Manipulate sight with your ears and alter sound with your eyes. And browse the extensive archive of earlier experiments.

Kulturtheater Kunsthaus-Kule | Auguststr. 10, 10117 Mar 17-22, 10-17h Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19h www.joumi.de | www.grotest-maru.de



# GEDIMINAS ŠIAULYS 'PAGAN LULLABY' (LT)

Gediminas Šiaulys works as an illustrator and designer in Lithuania and is inspired by nature, fairy tales, folk art and the pale colours of his Soviet childhood. In this exhibition, he takes us on a journey back in time, to the pre-Christian era, which thrived much longer in Lithuania than anywhere else in Europe. 'Pagan Lullaby' is a tribute to the pagan gods in those magical days when forests,  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ animals and bees were holy.

General Public | Schönhauser Allee 167c, 10435 Mar 17-22, 14-20h Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 20h www.shadowtricks.com | www.generalpublic.de



GANGPOL & MIT 'GANGPOL & MIT'S VIDEOS AND POSTERS' (FR

and terrorist confetti fills the screen.

Panatom™ Gallery | Torstr. 100, 10119 Berlin

Mar 17-Apr 07, weekdays 12-18h and by appointment

Mar 21-22, 14-18h | Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19h

www.gangpol-mit.com | http://gallery.panatom.com

# MICHAL DABROWSKI 'HEROES OF MIGHT AND MAYBE' (POL)

Michal Dabrowski pities Superman because he always has to play the tough guy, but at the same time he  $\,$ envies  $\mathop{\text{\rm him}}\nolimits$  a little because  $\mathop{\text{\rm he}}\nolimits$  probably never  $\mathop{\text{\rm had}}\nolimits$  bad skin. He thinks Dr Doom might like Joy Division. He thinks superheroes used to be gods but grew up into humans. His installation, developed especially for the Character Walk, takes a humorous looks at our

General Public | Schönhauser Allee 167c, 10435 Mar 17-22, 14-20h Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 20h www.heroesofmightandmaybe.com | www.generalpublic.de



# **EUNJUNG HWANG 'THE THIRD PART OF GHOSTS' (KR)**

Korean artist Eunjung Hwang creates animations that explore the sub-conscious in thousands of tiny snippets connected by dream logic. Relentlessly kaleidoscopic, they look like a hand-drawn version of what might go through the mind of a computer before its hard-drive implodes. For this show, she will present her animation together with a collection of her characters in the form of giant silky balloons.

allgirls | Brückenstr. 15a, 10179 Mar 14-28, Wed-Thu 15-18h, Fri-Sat 17-20h | Special Sunday Mar 22, 17-20h | Vernissage: Saturday, Mar 14, 19-21h www.allgirls-berlin.org | www.eunjunghwang.com



## **CHRISTIAN MONTENEGRO '7 DEADLY SINS' (ARG)**

saving your soul and, of course 7 deadly sins.

christianmontenegro.com.ar | johanssen-gallery.com



# PALOMA, IMPEDUGLIA 'SCHÖNE NEUE WELT' (USA/FR)

The Bongout Gallery set minds boggling in Berlin early last year, with its programme of punch-packing underground art. Their current show presents the wild'n'wacky handmade books by Kottie Paloma, oil paintings by Laurent Impeduglia and animation films by Stéphane Blanquet, Yann Jouette, Wojtek Skowron and Sabrina Tibourtine - all haunted by lonesome figures, unusual meetings and bizarre occurrences.

Bongout Gallery | Torstr. 110, 10119 Mar 13-Apr 18, Tue - Sat 12-19h | Special Sunday: Mar 22, 14-18h | Vernissage: Thursday, Mar 12, 19h www.bongout.org



# MYMO 'I JUST DID THIS YESTERDAY' (GER)

Mymonsters love rainbows with white icing. Instead of hiding her characters under the bed like bad dreams, MYMO draws them out of the parallel universe of her head and has them communicate with the world. Mymonsters is a multimedia platform for a constantly developing art project, inspired by nothing less than life itself. MYMO's Mymonsters are graffiti, collages and installations and they feel at home in all sorts of places between Berlin and Barcelona.

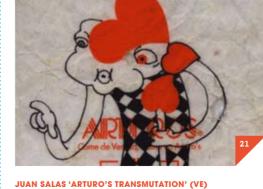
ATM Gallery Berlin | Brunnenstr. 24, 10119 Mar 17-Apr 17, Tue-Sat 12-19h | Special Sunday: Mar 22, 12-17h | Vernissage: Friday, Mar 20, 19h www.mymonsters.org | www.atmberlin.de



tion comes from the street, where he also finds all the materials for his work. For the Character Walk he will be creating a complex room-filling installation, complete with a vast wall drawing, clay heads and hundreds of smaller sketches and collages. It is an exploration of urban structures, brought to life by his ever-questioning attitude and sharp eye for

Danny Gretscher is a man of many faces. His inspira-

Supalife | Raumerstr. 40, 10437 Mar 17-26, Mon-Sat 12-19h | Special Sunday: Mar 22, 13-18h | Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19h www.supalife.de&www.blacksub.de/atelier-unsichtbar



Juan Salas munched his way through 100 bags of his local brand of potato chips Arturo with their distinctive chicken-head logo of three red hearts and a dot. He then began a series of beautiful and increasingly intricate character drawings directly onto the paper bags, each incorporating the logo differently. He will show the drawings in a grid formation, revealing the process of transmutation within strictly imposed limits.

Who says eating chips makes you into a couch potato?

Supalife | Raumerstr. 40, 10437 Mar 17-26, Mon-Sat 12-19h | Special Sunday: Mar 22, 13-18h | Vernissage: Tuesday, Mar 17, 19h www.supalife.de | http://jancko.blogspot.com



#### Erdbeerbar | Max-Beer-Str. 56, 10119 Feb 17-summer, Mon-Sun 18.00-end | Vernissage Tues day, Mar 17, 21h Nettmann plays records

www.erdbeerbar.de | www.myspace.com/nettm



# JOHAN POTMA AND MATEO (NL/USA)

Zozoville Gallerie | Mainzer Str. 12, 10247 Mar 17-22, 12-18h www.johanpotma.com | www.mateo-art.com



#### MOYTOY 'ARTIST COMMUNITY PHOBIA' (LT) Talka | Boxhagener. Str 44, 10245

Mar 17-27, Mon-Fri 13-20h

Special Saturday and Sunday: Mar 21-22, 13-20h www.myspace.com/talkaberlin|www.moytoy.eu



**GROUP EXHIBITION 'AFFENLIEBE - BERLIN MUNNY SHOW** Mar 13-Apr 01, Tue-Sat, 14-22h Special Sunday: Mar 22, 14-22h www.modern-graphics.de/munnysh



INTOXICATED DEMONS 'DIE POST IST DA! THE RETURN'

Mar 13-Apr 04, Tue-Sun 15-20h

Vernissage: Friday, Mar 13, 19h

Intoxicated Demons Gallery | Naunynstr. 46, 10999

# CHARLIE ISOE 'WILL BE HOME LATE, LEAVE THE LIGHT ON' (AU) cle Culture Gallery | Gipsstr. 11, 10119

Feb 12-Apr 04, Tue-Sat 14-18h and by appointmen Sunday, Mar 22 closed www.charlieisoe.com | www.circleculture-gallery.com

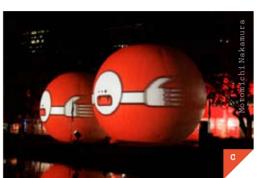




## **CHARACTER WALK PARTY**

After two days of non-stop gallery hopping, it's time for a first Character Walk welcome party and a last deep breath before we all dive into the foreign waters of Pictopia. You are still on safe terrain, so take the elevator to the 12th floor and join us for a supreme  $\,$ panoramic view of Berlin at the Weekend Club. Here, the stars come out as the night kicks off with live sets by Guillaume & the Coutu Dumonts and Crackhaus from Canada.

www.week-end-berlin.de



## CHARATERSCOPE SHOWDOWN PARTY

Celebrate at the CharaterScope Showdown party! Shake off your visual fatigue with live performances by whizz-kid Ben Butler & Mousepad, the ludic duo Gangpol & Mit, energising PAN/TONE and DJ-set by minimal-legend Tobias Thomas (Kompakt). Space out to the visual  $\verb|installation| of Motomichi Nakamura and a live VJ set by$ W+K Tokyolab while travelling through the soundscape of Scott Monteith aka Deadbeat. Or propel yourself to the upper level, where O Tannenbaum entangles you in an open mix.

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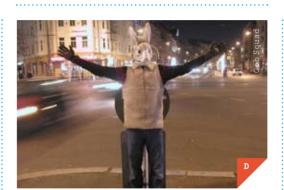
Tape Club Berlin Heidestr. 14, 10557 Mar 21, 23h



### PICTOPIA EXHIBITION OPENING & PARTY

Pictopia opens its gates - and starts with a big bang! Stroll down the lanes of Character Kingdom to the heart of Pictopia, go crazy in the Fun House by FriendsWithYou and hop back on the Character Ride. After reliving the all-time best of 'Characters in Motion' on the big screen, dance the night away with a live performance by Candie Hank and DJ Mobiletti Giradischi. But be warned: the creatures awake and await you at the central market for truly character-driven

Haus der Kulturen der Welt John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10, 10557



## PERFORMANCE WEEKEND

Sunset over Pictopia: witness the unique fusion of electroclash legend Planningtorock and the Chor der Kulturen der Welt. Picto-friends Jared Gradinger and Angela Schubot premiere their dance duet, investigating reduced figuration in a truly physical dimension. Gob Squad adapts their famous performance to a 'Pictopian Night Shot'. As Lis:sanga Dance Company casts for the Pictopia TV Show, freshly curated film programmes extend the investigation into characters.

Haus der Kulturen der Welt John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10, 10557 Apr 23-24, 19h | Apr 25, 17h



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