

Code Art Fair 2017

31 Aug 2017 - 03 Sep 2017

Osnova gallery is delighted to present its leading artists Nika Neelova and Yelena Popova on Code Art Fair, which will be held in Copenhagen, DK, 31 August – 3 September, 2017. The works by artists Nika Neelova and Yelena Popova explore and experiment with the possibilities of art production in general. The artists specially created a new project for this event. Yelena's practice calls in question what painting can be and how it can work nowadays. Her art pieces pull the stories of abstraction



Nika Neelova

Blue 17 (1)

2017

Cast jesmonite

39 x 29 x 5 cm (15.21 x 11.31 x 1.95 in)

NINE-001



Nika Neelova

Blue 17 (3)

2017

Cast jesmonite

39 x 29 x 5 cm (15.21 x 11.31 x 1.95 in)

NINE-003



Nika Neelova

Blue 17 (2)

2017

Cast jesmonite

39 x 29 x 5 cm (15.21 x 11.31 x 1.95 in)

NINE-002



Nika Neelova

Untitled (folded studio)

2017

Stainless steel

280 x 400 x 200 cm (109.2 x 156.0 x 78.0 in)

NINE-005

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The proposed sculpture is an attempt at introducing the space of the artist's studio into the space of the exhibition thereby 'opening' it to the public. *Untitled (folded studio)* is the retraced perimeter of the artist studio replicated in steel. Mounted on hinges, the structure is flexible on each plane and can adopt various configurations depending on its surrounding space. When fully unfolded the structure takes the shape of a room, which when fully folded can be flat-packed and stored away. The public is welcome to walk through the resulting 'space' or adjust its spatial position and configuration, so in the duration of the exhibition the piece can adopt different forms and functions casually changed and adapting to the flow of people through space. Tracing only the outlines of the space and thereby defining the limits that separate it from the rest of the world, the studio becomes an object that seeks to disappear between other objects. It is unable to contain space and thereby seemingly protests its original purpose, cancels itself out, withdrawing from expectations and refusing to be. Inviting the public to walk through the artist's space and exposing the studio where the work has also been produced intentionally inverts its purpose and questions the relationship of artist and public.



Yelena Popova

Discarded Paintings

2016

Mixed media on linen, wood

70 x 210 x 7 cm (27.3 x 81.9 x 2.73 in)

YEPO-002



Nika Neelova

Lithic

2017

Recycled upholstery foam, jesmonite, marble dust

300 x 360 cm (117.0 x 140.4 in)

NINE-004

The sculpture is made from upholstery foam from recycled furniture soaked in jesmonite and marble dusts suggesting the transition of a piece initially made based on human proportion into an abstract geological formation. Its deliberately diluted distressed colours and texture are reminiscent of an eroding ruined structure. Suspending the creases made by human weight in a permanent static state, 'lithic' is an attempt at creating artificial rocks out of the relics of our lived environment, questioning the possibility of continuity between the human body, furniture, architecture and the geology of earth.



Yelena Popova

Untitled

2016

Mixed media on linen

20 cm (7.8 in)

YEPO-001



Yelena Popova

Untitled

2017

Mixed media on linen

137 x 107 cm (53.43 x 41.73 in)

YEPO-010



Yelena Popova

Untitled

2017

Mixed media on linen

83 x 61 cm (32.37 x 23.79 in)

YEPO-012



Yelena Popova

Untitled

2017

Mixed media on linen

35 x 33 cm (13.65 x 12.87 in)

YEPO-011



Yelena Popova

Untitled

2017

Mixed media on linen

137 x 107 cm (53.43 x 41.73 in)

YEPO-009



Yelena Popova

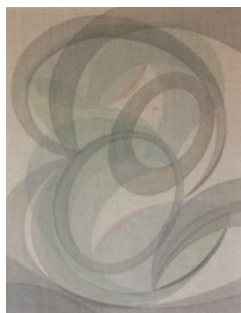
Untitled

2017

Mixed media on linen

117 x 97 cm (45.63 x 37.83 in)

YEPO-008



Yelena Popova

Untitled

2017

Mixed media on linen

86 x 66 cm (33.54 x 25.74 in)

YEPO-007



Yelena Popova

Untitled

2017

Mixed media on linen

86 x 66 cm (33.54 x 25.74 in)

YEPO-006



Yelena Popova

Untitled

2017

Mixed media on linen

71 x 51 cm (27.69 x 19.89 in)

YEPO-005



Yelena Popova

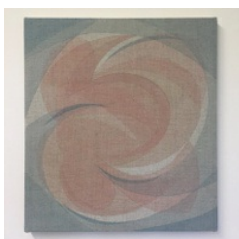
Untitled

2017

Mixed media on linen

137 x 117 cm (53.43 x 45.63 in)

YEPO-004



Yelena Popova

Untitled

2017

Mixed media on linen

50 x 45 cm (19.5 x 17.55 in)

YEPO-003



Nika Neelova

British standard 1363

2017

Jesmonite

5 x 12 cm (1.95 x 4.68 in)

NINE-007

unlimited edition