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PRESS RELEASE

re:STATEMENT

Margaret Hunter: Paintings, Sculptures, Drawings



Joint Venture / re:STATEMENT (2009-2010), 300 x 710 cm (5 segments), acrylic on card, © Margaret Hunter

Vernissage: Friday, 1 April 2011, 7 – 10 pm, the artist is present.

Introduction: Christoph Poche (art mediator)

Exhibition: 2 April – 27 May 2011

AquabitArt gallery is proud to present the first solo exhibition of the Scottish artist Margaret Hunter. The principal work will be the large-scale "Joint Venture / re:STATEMENT", which refers to Hunter's **Berlin Wall mural** first painted in 1990 following the Fall of the Berlin Wall, it is part of the so called **East Side Gallery**, designated today as a Gedenkstaette, a protected memorial. To create something new every artist must first discard previous pictures, according to Baselitz. Inspired by this idea, in 2009-2010 for the 20th anniversary of the Fall of the Wall Hunter created a revised gallery version, almost 1:1 of her original wall painting. It represents an **authentic link** with German history and in an interactive process viewers were encouraged to inscribe their thoughts and drawings within the image on the theme of German reunification. The result from this dialogue was presented with great success in an exhibition at the Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh in 2010.

At aquabitArt Berlin, "Joint Venture / re:STATEMENT" will debut as a **walk-in installation**. The artwork consisting of five segments is split between two adjoining walls so that the viewer will encounter being IN the work; this will culminate, together with sculptures and drawings, in a spatial experience.

Margaret Hunter studied at the Glasgow School of Art (UK) and under Professor Georg Baselitz at the Hochschule der Kuenste in Berlin. Her artwork is shown in numerous exhibitions at home as well as abroad and is featured in notable collections such as the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art (Edinburgh) and the Fleming Collection (London). Margaret Hunter lives and works in Berlin and Scotland.

The gallery **aquabitArt** Berlin:

aquabitArt – the name stands for an innovative concept: the combination of art presentations, architecture and web design. The architect Irina Ilieva is the founder and gallerist; she has been working in Berlin since the Fall of the Berlin Wall. In her gallery, which opened at the beginning of 2009 in Auguststrasse 35, she shows current artistic positions within the experimental field between painting, sculpting and new media. In 2011, aquabitArt was the official Satellite Partner of Berlin's festival for art and digital culture transmediale.11.

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