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Nino Mier Gallery is pleased to present a series of works on paper by the German-born and based artist André Butzer for Frieze Los Angeles, which will run from July 27 - August 1, 2021. One of the most recognized artists of his generation, Butzer is known for his anti-naturalistic world-building. His works delight in the painterly virtual, fusing an interest in Expressionistic and pop cultural modes of representation. Cartoonish figures with few, but exaggerated features bubble up to, and sometimes command, the surfaces of his highly chromatic and gestural picture planes. Certain colors — like highlighter yellow — and forms — like the single, electrified stroke — repeat across his work in circuits. In this selection of works on paper, such formal refinement takes on a measured force. There is localized pandemonium, but there is also negative space. Butzer's aesthetic maximalism, more present within his canvases, is elegantly restrained in these works on paper characterized by a ludic sparseness that tickles and taunts.

André Butzer (b. 1973, Stuttgart, Germany; lives and works in Berlin, Germany) has been the subject of solo exhibitions at institutions such as Bayerisches Armeemuseum, Ingolstadt; Neue Galerie, Gladbeck; Kunstverein Reutlingen; Kunsthistorisches Museum/Theseustempel, Vienna; Kestnergesellschaft, Hannover; and Kunsthalle Nürnberg, Nuremberg. Butzer has also participated in various important international group shows at Kunsthalle Düsseldorf; Kunstmuseum Stuttgart, Kunsthalle Emden; Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; Kunstmuseum St. Gallen and MUMOK Museum Moderner Kunst, Vienna. His works are in important public collections, including the Musée d'art contemporain, Nîmes; Kunstmuseum Stuttgart; Kupferstichkabinett/State Museums of Berlin; LACMA; MOCA; Phoenix Art Museum; Scharpff Collection, Stuttgart/Bonn; and the University of Chicago.

WORKS ON PAPER



André Butzer Untitled, 2020 Acrylic and graphite on paper 30 x 22 in 76.2 x 55.9 cm 33 x 25 in, framed 83.8 x 63.5 cm, framed (AB20.007)

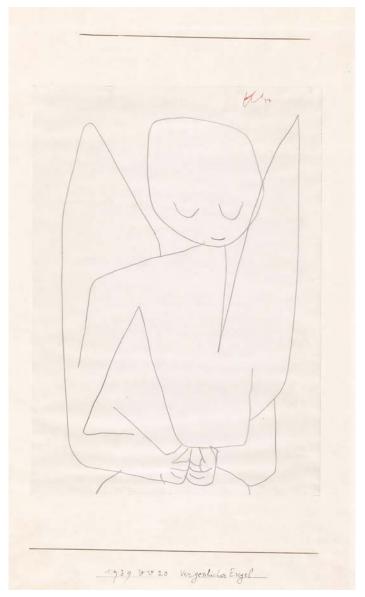




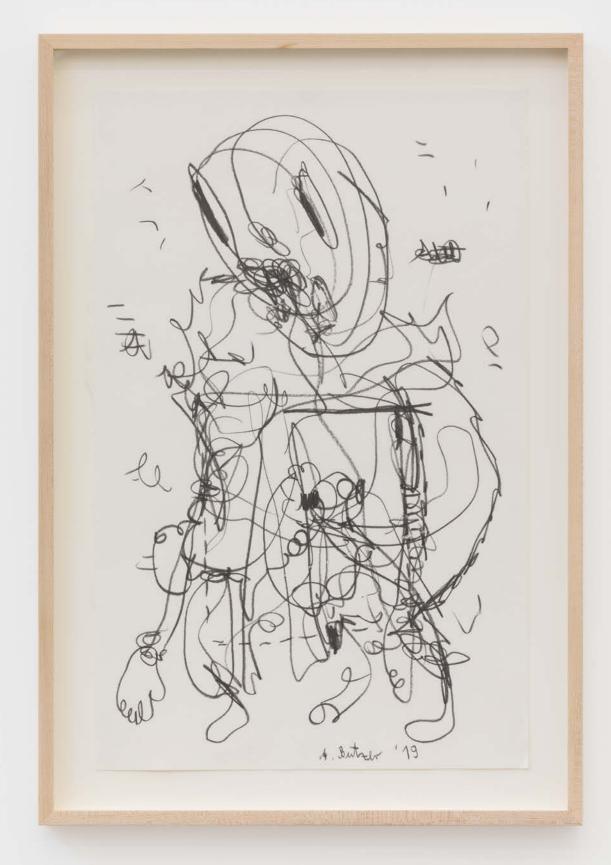
R.André Butzer Untitled, 2020 Acrylic and graphite on paper 30 x 22 in 76.2 x 55.9 cm

The works on paper by Butzer have a "serene and seemingly liberated pictorial program," wherein "impasto has given way to a translucent application in watercolor and fluid acrylic. Various dabs and brushstrokes are spread out on a white ground with transparent lightness. One occasionally discovers intricate lines, structures, and pencil strokes that stabilizes the picture plane. Their subtle chromaticity always arises from three primary colors, which are joined by prismatic colors by means of fine nuances."

- Hannah Eckstein Curatorial Director of the Kunstverein Friedrichshafen



L: Paul Klee, Forgetful Angel (Vergesslicher Engel), 1939 Pencil on paper 9 x 12 in 22.87 x 30 1/2 cm Paul Klee Centre, Bern, Switzerland

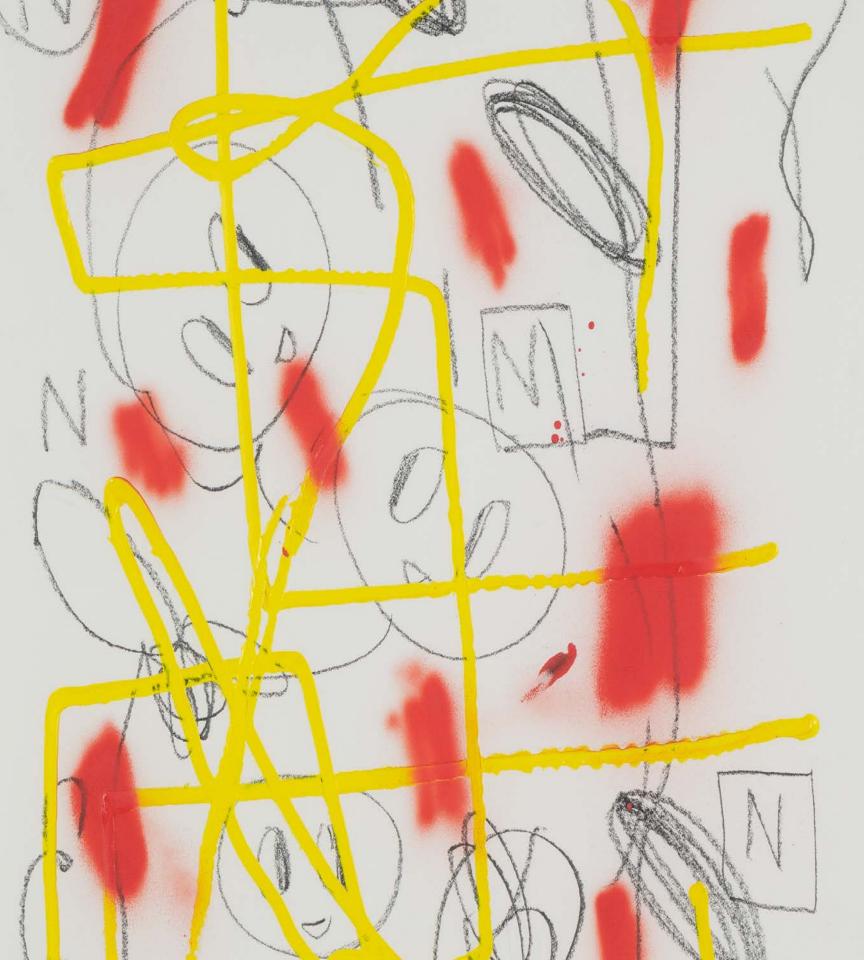


André Butzer Untitled, 2019 Graphite on paper 21 1/2 x 14 in 54.6 x 35.6 cm (AB19.072)





André Butzer Untitled, 2019 Acrylic, Spray paint and pencil on paper 45 x 28 3/4 in 114.3 x 73 cm (AB19.046)





André Butzer Untitled, 2018 Watercolor and graphite on paper 18 x 24 1/2 in 45.7 x 62.2 cm (AB18.040)







L.André Butzer Untitled, 2021 Watercolor, crayon, and pencil on paper 18 7/8 x 14 1/8 in 48 x 36 cm

R: Henri Matisse, Apollinaire, Matisse, Rouveyre (Trois têtes. A l'amitié), aquatint, c.1951-1952, MoMA

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Armand P. Bartos

"As a Draftsman, Butzer is as fiercely uninhibited as he is a painter, employing a vast repertoire of linear expression, from aggressively gestural scrawled marks to softer, sketchy stabs [...] If, at the dawn of modernist abstraction, such expressive license served as a foil to the mechanization of the industrial age, Butzer's drawings prompt us to consider what such properties might signify today, in our own post-industrial—and increasingly post-human—era"

- Gwen Allen Professor of art history at San Francisco State University

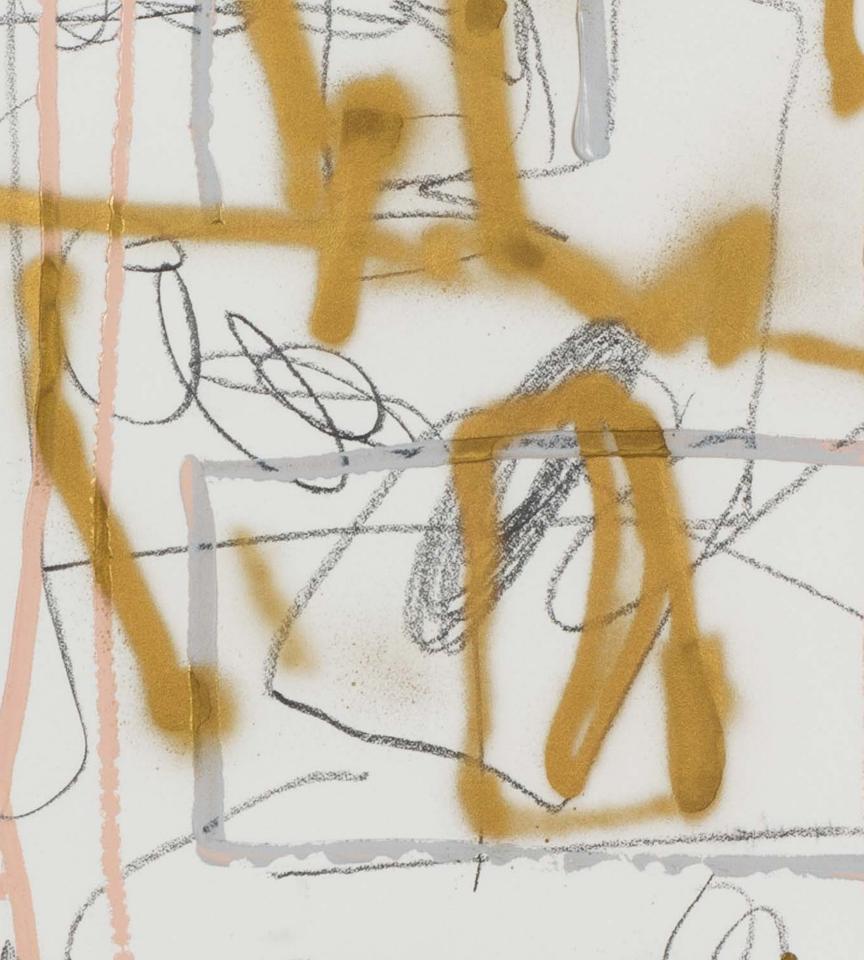


André Butzer Untitled, 2021 Watercolor, crayon, and pencil on paper 18 7/8 x 14 1/8 in 48 x 36 cm (AB21.024)





André Butzer Untitled, 2020 Acrylic and pencil on paper 45 x 28 3/4 in 114.3 x 73 cm (AB19.047)





André Butzer Untitled, 2021 Watercolor, crayon, and pencil on paper 18 7/8 x 14 1/8 in 48 x 36 cm (AB21.025)





André Butzer Untitled, 2021 Watercolor, crayon, and pencil on paper 18 7/8 x 14 1/8 in 48 x 36 cm (AB21.017)











L. André Butzer Untitled, 2018 Watercolor and graphite on paper 12 x 9 3/4 in 30.5 x 24.8 cm



R. Paul Cezanne, Montage Sainte Victoire, 1905-6 Watercolors on paper 14 1/4 x 21 3/5 in 36.2 x 54.9 cm Tate, UK



André Butzer Untitled, 2018 Watercolor and graphite on paper 12 x 9 3/4 in 30.5 x 24.8 cm (AB18.050)





André Butzer Untitled, 2018 Colored pencil and graphite on paper 11 3/4 x 8 1/4 in 30 x 21 cm (AB18.029)



"[André Butzer's paintings and drawings] are tightly integrated within the mesh of relationships in the history of painting that precedes him. His motifs and rhetorical means thus make reference to diverse artists such as Matisse, Mondrian, Jorn, Baselitz, Albert Oehlen, And Förg, to Art Brut artists such as Franz Kernbeis, and to numerous others. What remains decisive, however, as already in the work of Cézanne, is the specific temperament of the artist."

- Kay Heymer Head of Modern art at the Museum Kunstpalast Düsseldorf



R.André Butzer Untitled, 2018 Colored pencil and graphite on paper 11 3/4 x 8 1/4 in 30 x 21 cm



L. Asger Jorn 'Standhaftig Maskulinitet (Valiant Resistance), 1953, Oil on canvas, 38 x 31 in 98.7 x 78.2 cm Gift 1959 from the artist © DONATION JORN, SILKEBORG



André Butzer Untitled, 2017 Graphite on paper 23 1/4 x 33 1/8 in 59 x 84 cm (AB17.061)





André Butzer Untitled, 2017 Acrylic on paper 6.1 x 9.5 in 15.5 x 24 cm (AB17.004)





André Butzer Untitled, 2019 Colored pencil and watercolor on paper 11 x 14 in 27.9 x 35.6 cm (AB19.012)





André Butzer Untitled, 2003 Ink on paper 12 1/4 x 8 5/8 in 31 x 22 cm (AB03.010)

