

Press Review

Charlotte Jansen 'These Are the Artists You Need On Your Radar Right Now', Elephant, 4 Septembre 2020

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ARTISTS TO WATCH

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From surreal clay sculptures to absurdist animations, these artists take aim at our present moment and recent past, reflecting on uniquely turbulent times with unswerving honesty and a playful eye.



Painting: Farah Atassi

To be frank, I've never really understood abstract art, or why someone would rather paint shapes than people. It's also perhaps a stark fact of our times that we need to understand things, especially each other, and abstractness seems inappropriate and oblique. But Farah Atassi, in her own words, makes "figurative paintings that represent abstraction", a vocabulary that fuses the language of these two usually opposed modes of painting, hesitating, as she puts it, between "sign and figure". The result? Well, see for yourselves. She has a show opening in Paris at Almine Rech this month, showing 12 new paintings designed specifically for the gallery spaces there. Almine Rech have a penchant for young female painters who are excelling at their game and Atassi is definitely of that ilk. **(Charlotte Jansen)**