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YORAM CHISIN -- BREATH OF DUST

Co-curated by Priska Juschka and Arielle Mark

OPENING RECEPTION: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 from 6 – 8 PM

Exhibition Dates: February 6 – March 3, 2019

ARTIST TALK: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 from 4 - 6 PM

Press Release:

Lichtundfire, in collaboration with **Mark Gallery**, is pleased to present BREATH OF DUST, an exhibition of abstract mixed-media paintings by French born Israeli artist **Yoram Chisin**.

Chisin's visceral surfaces of color, texture and materials radiate and resonate, and trigger immediate and intentional mixed emotions. Combining a colorful, bold palette with raw and strong texture- an amalgamate of oil paint, and non-traditional art materials such as plaster, metal and burlap- **Chisin's** tour-de-force takes the viewer through an abundance of abstract detail to arrive at a place that seems to leave us deliberately emotionally unsettled, spent- and apparently with no relief in sight.

Deeply rooted in abstraction, and clearly relaying a kinship with Color Field painters and Abstract Expressionists, **Chisin's** work bears its own vocabulary- defined by **Chisin's** individual experience and emotions- and sourced by his very personal story.

BREATH OF DUST connotes his experience while in the service of the Israeli Army in the early 1990s, in, at that time, South Lebanon in the Gaza Strip-- the memory of how he walked in the desert behind Israeli tanks, completely covered in dust, and reminiscent of his white powdered, camouflaged face, for the purpose of concealment and protection.

Beneath the surface of colors and materials, **Chisin's** work conveys deeply personal events: the premature loss of Chisin's own wife to cancer, his Jewish family's history- forever fundamentally changed by the Holocaust- a story of defiance and renewal.

Chisin's paintings, as cheerful, loud, bright and colorful they may seem- stem from a very intimate, personal place of memory, pain and transformation- that reaches far beyond the surface and much into the realm of a shared and universal human experience.

Yoram Chisin was born in 1971 in Toulouse, France, and moved in 1973, at the age of two, to Israel. He served in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) in the "Golani" Infantry Division in 1991.

Today, **Chisin** lives and works in Israel. His work has been exhibited in many venues in Israel and abroad, most notably in Sydney and Melbourne, Australia; Miami and New York, USA; and Antwerp and Brussels, Belgium. In 2017, he was a resident of the Eileen S. Kaminsky Family Foundation (ESKFF) at Mana Contemporary in Jersey City, NJ., USA .

This marks the third collaboration on an exhibition between Lichtundfire and Mark Gallery at Lichtundfire. Yoram Chisin's Solo Exhibition BREATH OF DUST is on view at Lichtundfire Wednesday through Saturday noon - 6 pm, & Sunday 1 - 6 pm.

For more information and images of BREATH OF DUST, and on the ARTIST TALK on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, from 4 - 6 PM, please contact:

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General Gallery Hours: Wednesday to Sunday 12 pm to 6 pm, Sunday 1pm to 6pm