

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

TOTEM and TABOO

With Henry Biber, Philip Gerstein, Edward M. Giordano Jr., Anki King, Sarah Peterson and Francesca Schwartz.

Concept by Priska Juschka.

Exhibition Dates: APRIL 6 — APRIL 29, 2023

OPENING RECEPTION: THURSDAY, APRIL 13 | 5:30 — 8:00 PM

EVENTS:

LES GALLERY NIGHT/THIRD THURSDAY (Lower East Side Galleries Open till 8 PM)

Reception: THURSDAY, APRIL 20 | 6 — 8 PM

PANEL on SCULPTURE — Moderated by JONATHAN GOODMAN

Q&A and Reception: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 | 6:30 PM

Press Release:

Lichtundfire is pleased to announce and welcomes all to the opening reception of TOTEM and TABOO, an exhibition in various media, with painting, sculpture, digital and process art, that both conceptually and visually relates to humankind's continuous societal rituals, and the quest to worship what we don't understand and fear — and to devour what we desire and love.

The artists in this exhibition by way of different media, and with different concepts, refer to our deeply ingrained social primitivism that keeps humanity both in check as well as at the brink of extinction. While we seek to obey, still, the laws of bygone social structures/arrangements that divert the gaze from the freedoms of desire and make us subject to dominion — we struggle with a passed on order and long for what we dream of.

The forbidden fruit versus the celestial body. We fear the wrath of society, afraid of being outcast in the pursuit of our desires. A conundrum that seems to be unsolvable unless we leave the implemented structures behind and free us from the programmatic concepts of society. Still —deeply rooted within, remains the genealogical trace that binds us to the social contract of our ancestors. Overcoming seems to be impossible. What remains, may be the artist's will/desire, imagination and aptitude to go beyond what binds and restrains us and to forge ahead into unknown territories.

For additional information, images, events and to arrange an appointment, please contact Priska Juschka at 917.675.7835 or info@lichtundfire.com .

About Lichtundfire:

LICHTUNDFIRE was established in 2015, with a visual program emphasizing nonrepresentational, conceptual, and abstract art; especially minimal, color field, geometrical, straight edge, abstract expressionist painting, lyrical abstraction, and process work in all media, as well as abstracted, conceptual representation.

By its exhibitions, Lichtundfire's program is dedicated to developing and nurturing an active, engaged, progressive, and emancipated art community that addresses cultural and social realities as expressed through visual arts.

Beyond its carefully curated visual program, Lichtundfire seeks to actively connect with other parts of the creative community, especially in the field of poetry, literature, philosophy and Critical Theory.

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GALLERY HOURS: Wed — Sat, 12—6 pm and TUESDAY BY APPOINTMENT.

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