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NICO KRIJNO



Nico Krijno / *The Constellation #047*, 2022
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***The Constellation* by Nico Krijno**

Opening: Saturday 21 January 2023, 17:00 - 19:00

Exhibition: 21 January - March 4 2023

For our first exhibition of 2023, the Ravestijn Gallery is proud to present 'The Constellation' – a dizzying show of vibrant works by South African artist Nico Krijno (b. 1981). In a riot of colours and meandering forms, Krijno's abstract works consider and apply photography's many visual codes, symbols and patterns – as part of a bid to investigate the history of the image. The playful practice of performance defines Krijno's process throughout, inviting a closer interrogation of modes of creation in and of themselves.

From staged photography to collage and video works, the densely-textured images that Krijno conceives are invariably hard to pin down. Synthetic, layered, digitally-manipulated, painterly, puzzling, enthralling; each one is unfixed and seemingly infinite, with a number focal points to absorb simultaneously. In the act of looking, the familiar traces – those things we recognise – are displaced and buried under elements we don't. All the while, we rarely look away, succumbing instead to the works' many mysteries.

In *The Constellation*, the latest chapter in Krijno's continuous flow of obsessive image-making, a series of motifs bleed between the featured works, from multi-coloured polkadots to vanishing still-lives, from warped sculptures to the characteristic lines of spray-painted graffiti. Combining wall-mounted works with a series of imposing paper poster rolls – cascading down from the gallery's ceilings – the exhibition underlines the effect of Krijno's oscillating images: a disorientating outpouring with no logical beginning or end. Spliced and stacked, fragments blend into other fragments – like the rippling screen of an old TV-set locked between competing frequencies.

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The exhibition, which opens on January 21 2023, coincides with the launch of the artist's new publication, *Collages 2020-2022*, published by Art Paper Editions.



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