

JULIA BONDESSON

Motion and Rest

Opening: June 16th, 5-8 pm

Exhibition period ends: July 15th

Gallery opening hours: Thursday-Friday 12-5 pm, Saturday 12-4 pm

Johan Berggren Gallery is pleased to announce its second exhibition by Julia Bondesson showing new wooden sculptures and wall reliefs alongside neon works. In this project Bondesson investigates human emotions in an increasing manner, letting the works pierce each others' auras and embracing the clash to come.

For the last couple of years, Bondesson has experimented with individual sculptures representing singular emotions. A vocabulary has formed that helps her circle, comprehend, investigate and dissect the sustainability of a specific emotion. An archive of signifiers has slowly evolved to an operating language where older and new works interrelate.

In the current series of works, Bondesson continues to use paint and metal to enhance the characteristics of certain emotions but also introduces neon light. We can easily detect the reaction of emotions swelling over the chiseled sculptural surfaces. The neon light further enhances the surface but also digs deeper, as if working in a split manner to both therapeutically dissect as well as heal, conceal and protect the works.

Shown over two nearby spaces on Båstadsgatan, the layout of the presentations is somewhat similar, with a centrally placed sculpture, a sculptural installation indicating a structural direction, and a neon work, unifying as well as magnifying the spatial aspects forming a strong notion of a stage, that hasn't to date, been that clearly formulated in Bondesson's presentations.

Julia Bondesson (b.1983), lives and works in Killeberg, Sweden. She holds her MA from the Royal Institute of Art in Stockholm and has attended a Master class in traditional glove puppetry at Hsiao Hsi Yuan Puppet Theatre in Taiwan. Solo exhibitions include Färgfabriken and Johan Berggren Gallery in 2015 and Halmstad Konsthall in 2016. Upcoming solo exhibitions include Vandalorum konsthall in 2017 and Krognoshuset Aura in 2018.

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