Stephan Count Bentzel-Sturmfeder-Horneck
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„Nur tote Helden sind echte Helden."
(Jean-Pierre Melville)

Stephan Bentzel is an artist who is associated to expressionism by still going his own way. He is looking back on a wide ranged and extraordinary course of education. He attended schools in Germany and Great Britain followed by studies of arts in London and Munich. Since that time he has made a name for himself in Germany as a powerful expressionist looking back on numerous exhibitions and events. On 20. July 2017 he is opening his new exhibition TRAGIC HERO in the gallery Hearthouse in Munich –. It will be taking place until 14. Septemper 2017 at Lembachplatz 2, Munich.

TRAGIC HERO is a collection of specially selected pieces out of Stephan Bentzel's oeuvre which includes several cycles. The exhibition does not only show his artistic career but also his very own way of communicating with poeple: the art of painting. His paintings are of a great expressive richness. They are loaded with emotions; colors strenghtening in their interaction cause a diverse, not fully unintelligible effect on the viewer – colors and shapes unify on the artworks to a maximum of artistic power and communication. The recipient's eye is constantly challenged to new insights and interpretations. A close look and an intense view on his art is determined.

His technique is like himself: unique, strong and expressive. He succeeds in a technically skilled act by combining the expressionistic impact with colour strength and pictorial representation using glazing and pasty painting techniques. Applied with a free selection of tools his colours are bonding with eachother on the background. Letting the colours run he stops them the next time and resolves the built with chemicals in order to create his unbeatable complexity. His works unify conception with artistic freedom and technical perfection with an own always recognizable shape language loaded with strong emotion: the viewers emotions are challengend.
Stephan Bentzel's inner conflict manages it in many ways to build a new connection between paiting materials, painting themes and shapes – he shows abstract and representational art and the state of mind in between – always in his very own way, always in development and in each of his cycles with highest quality.

This catalogue raisonné being published on occasion of the exhibition is the first comprehensive collection of his oeuvre. It shows a representative selection of his works out of different cycles. All of the pieces show a point in Stephan's life. The sequence and the collection overall, though, show Stephan's Wege (ways) and display the direction he will turn to.

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