

Katrine Levin Galleries presents: Toma Stenko

THE COLOUR OF LOVE

World Art Dubai, March 9-12, 2023, Stand LB03



“I unbelievably love colour. I like researching it endlessly, listening to it, colliding with it, and every time I feel surprised at how little we know about it. It's an infinity...”

Toma Stenko’s powerful, often large-scale works balance movement and stillness, colour and form. It is a quest to see the visible in the invisible, the infinite in the finite.

Working in mixed media and incorporating natural elements such as raindrops, Stenko innovatively melds emotive drip and classical painting, bringing her past experience as an artist for stage, film, and the English National Ballet to create large-scale immersive works that are alive, expressing through colour the essence of a feeling, the fluctuation of emotion.

Her work is an exploration of love in all its aspects. Romantic, paternal, self, broken and new – love is a rich palette of emotions that we all share. Stenko delves into the complex and often conflicting emotions of love through a kaleidoscope of colour. The swirling gold and orange passages encircling a gentle blue shape that seems poised to take flight in *The Touch* speak of infinity, anticipation, and change. The *Cloud of Love* explodes in bursts of deep pinks and yellows against a fluid background of dreamy blues and aquamarines – all movement

and energy. By contrast, *Passion* is aflush with reds, purples, greens and yellows; the mixed palette of desire, fear, tenderness, and doubt – burning, melting.



Toma Stenko (b. 1979, Georgia) is an award-winning artist, film director, and fashion designer. She is a graduate of the Central Saint Martins University of Art and Design, London. Most recently, her artwork was exhibited at the Venice Biennale 2022 where she was allocated a 2-story venue for a solo exhibition; earned a Certificate of Achievement at the Qatar International Art Festival 2022, and was commissioned for the Katara International Arabian Horse Festival 2023.

Recent major exhibitions

- Katara International Arabian Horse Festival 2023
- Qatar International Art Festival, 2022
- “Observers”, OVV Gallery, Venice Biennale 2022
- “Fragile Angel”, by Toma and IK Stenko, Venice 2022
- Sochi Art Museum, 2022
- Solo exhibition, Gallery of Fort, Sochi, 2021
- Solo exhibition, “How Love Feels”, Katrine Levin Galleries, London, 2020
- Sochi Art Museum, 2020

NOTES TO THE EDITOR

1. *The Colour of Love* by Katrine Levin Galleries - Toma Stenko at World Art Dubai, March 8-12, 2023, Stand LB03
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4. On exhibit are Stenko’s abstract works, accompanied by an extended catalogue which includes her colourful figurative works exploring the same theme
5. High-res images of the works are available – please contact katrine@katrinelevin.com for further details
6. Toma Stenko is currently available for interviews via the Internet and in person in Dubai 5-13 March.