

Color cloud and storm surge

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Such beauty does
not have a name -
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greens, 122/102 cm.

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In the search for new painterly worlds one always encounters the old, only to then discover that they are new, at least a little. In any case, that was the experience for the viewers of Amy Green's paintings, exhibited in the gallery Maczollek Schmidt. The Californian (born 1970) lets the colors run casually down the canvas, but only after they've met a variety of formal structural measures. On still, often white-tinted surfaces, Green produces arresting colors and rampant growth with acrylic paints and a clear urethane resin.

On the one hand, these paintings are charming through the effects of their materials; on the other, they unfailingly evoke associations and meaning. A red burns like the clouds during a beautiful sunset, or a fear traced by blood. Soft blues with hints of white unfold, revealing a dreamy dimension of sky and water. And from a nervous green comes the energetic storm surges of spring. The work is about harmony, but also about the forces that can break life down. And the message is clear: the breaking parts are themselves a larger harmony.

Nature is undoubtedly the unspoken reference point by Amy Green. Her paintings bloom through a process of growth that is similar to nature's own process. And the poetry of the color, form and magic of nature, seems to be the basic poetic pattern that keeps the painting constantly on track. Buoyed by the abstract-expressive approaches to the artistic tradition and supported by a conceptual and compositional desire for clarity and reduction, Green has developed a very painterly and personal impetus, where her picturesque explorations and the melody of her own feelings align. And what could be more fascinating - each image admitting to being an open adventure, and yet not straying from

its own course. (prices 1000 to 6900 euros). Schmidt Gallery
Maczollek, to 29 March, Volksgarten 10, Tue-Fri