PETER BLUM GALLERY

Luisa Rabbia From Mitosis to Rainbow

November 7, 2020 – January 9, 2021 Opening: Saturday, November 7, 10am - 6pm



Luisa Rabbia, I Am Rainbow, 2020, oil on canvas, 87 x 128 inches

Peter Blum Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of new paintings by **Luisa Rabbia** entitled, *From Mitosis to Rainbow* at 176 Grand Street, New York. This is the artist's fourth solo exhibition with the gallery. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, November 7, from 10am - 6pm. Please email, call, or <u>book online</u> to reserve a viewing time.

Luisa Rabbia blends the distinctions made between the human and the natural, expressing solidarity with the cosmos through the organic, bodily landscapes of her expansive paintings. The scale of Rabbia's paintings suits the themes she explores, oftentimes depicting overlapping abstracted figures joining and breaking apart, seemingly overcoming their physicality. In the exhibition she alludes to interconnected natural processes such as mitosis, forming a thread between microcosms and macrocosms and interweaving them in a nebulous primordial state. Continually in flux and transforming like a rainbow, her forms created in expressive hues also evoke spiritual transitions. Upon closer viewing and bringing this substantial work to a more intimate level, her physical and intuitive process becomes visible with its rhythmically scraped paint, the stratification of pencil marks, and imprints of fingertips. Rabbia alludes to the minute traces that each person leaves over the course of a lifetime, yet simultaneously asserts an expansive and interconnected vision of a wider universe.

Luisa Rabbia (b. 1970, Turin, Italy) lives and works in Brooklyn, NY. She received her MFA from the Accademia Albertina di Belle Arti in Turin, Italy. Solo museum exhibitions include: Collezione Maramotti, Reggio Emilia, Italy; Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA; Fundación PROA, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Fondazione Querini Stampalia, Venice, Italy; Fondazione Merz, Turin, Italy. Group exhibitions include: Magazzino Italian Art Foundation, Cold Spring, NY; Manifesta 12, Palazzo Drago, Palermo, Italy; Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome, Italy; Biennale del Disegno, Museo della Citta, Rimini, Italy; Lismore Castle, Waterford, Ireland; Shirley Fiterman Art Center, New York, NY; Maison Particulière, Brussels, Belgium; Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Museo del Novecento, Milan, Italy; MAXXI Museo Nazionale delle Arti del XXI secolo. Rome, Italy: Shanghai Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai, China.

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