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# MICHELE SCHOONJANS GALLERY PRESENTS AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY NATACHA MERCIER UNDER THE TITEL "TEASER'.

This summer, from **30 June 2022 to 20 August 2022**, Michèle Schoonjans Gallery is pleased to present the intriguing work of Natacha Mercier.

"Natacha Mercier explores any format, from small sizes to monumental formats. The artist never ceases developing her pictorial technique and renewing her subjects, working in sequences and series, with a noticeable tendency for quotation, staging, subjects and motifs of the artwork.

After employing a wide range of colours, in particular white, to which the artist has devoted already a large number of paintings, Natacha Mercier is currently pursuing her approach in the colour black.

Obscurity, shadow and blackness are new areas of research. In her recent works. The landscape, the forest in particular, emerges in the midst of the blackness. In contrast to her white paintings, in which the figures are revealed in a certain evanescence of light, it is from the depths of the night that the images arise. The artist succeeds in materialising the dream of a nocturnal vision, of another invisible, mysterious world, that of the forest, the wilderness, the unknown. Through the black, Natacha Mercier continues her quest to show the intangible, which cannot be seen, cannot be given.

Her artistic approach sheds light on the history of art from a new angle and reflects openly and deeply on the existence and future of painting."

Extract from Jérôme Carrié, exhibition curator at Cial, University Toulouse Jean Jaurès

**Natacha Mercier** (French) was born in Reims in 1976. She graduated in 1998 from the National School of Fine Arts (DNAP) in Valenciennes and in 2000, she obtains a Final Diploma (DNSEP) from the National Superior School of Fine Arts, Bourges (F). Since 2001, Natacha Mercier has participated in several group exhibitions, including at the Centre d'Art de Carjac (F), the Musée L in Louvain-la-Neuve, the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Carcassonne (F), the Ciam (University of Toulouse Jean-Jaurès), in creations, stagings & scenography, performances & installations.

### **USEFUL INFORMATIONS**

## **EXHIBITION DATES**

30.06.2022 to 20.08.2022

#### Summer opening time

In July and August, you will be welcomed, sorry to say, only by appointment, except on Saturday in July (02 & 09 & 16 & 23 & 30) from 2 to 6 pm. Do not hesitate to contact us to book an appointment.

## **ADDRESS**

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