

Deutsches Haus Presents:

An Exhibition Opening:

MASQUERADE

Nicola Mueller (Artist, Berlin)

Saturday, March 8, 6-8pm

Another mask! A different mask!

The portraits challenge us to take a stance due to the contradictions they contain. Resting between the past and the present, the child like appearance and the hidden pool of knowledge gained through adulthood. What do we really see? What is real, what is imagined and what is suggested? The contrast of the childlike faces and figures to the artificial masks create images with amplified potential narratives. The children seem to be in the know about our world. They appear to be waiting while at the same time their gaze appears to be hiding a secret.



Born 1963 in Wismar, **Nicola Müller** studied at Kunsthochschule Burg Giebichenstein, Halle and at FWG Berlin. Her most recent solo exhibitions include: *Fotografie* (2005) at MAE Galerie Irene Eikmeier, Berlin; *Larven* (2006) at Brotfabrik Galerie, Berlin and *Halbschlaf* (2007) at Galerie Läkemäker, Berlin. Nicola Müller participated in group shows such as: *Künstler der Galerie* (2004) at MAE Galerie Irene Eikmeier, Berlin; *Das Portrait* (2005) at Stiftung Starke, Löwenpalais Grunewald, Berlin and *Cielo* (2006) at Ständige Vertretung der Bundesrepublik Deutschland bei der Europäischen Union, Brüssel, Ateliers of Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt (2008).

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