

PARIS BLACK & WHITE 11 JAN – 8 FEB 2014

YZ NICOLAS BUFFE JONONE



Nicolas Buffe, 2009

JonOne, Acrylique on canvas 2013

YZ, Women from another century, 2013

The exhibition « Black and White » shows together YZ, JonOne and Nicolas Buffe at Magda Danysz gallery in Paris from January 11th to February 8th. Coming from different backgrounds and reflecting inspirations which are both various by their cultural references and close by the way they look at the past, YZ, JonOne and Nicolas Buffe presents for the this exhibition their black and white works. In their works full of poetry and delicacy YZ, JonOne and Nicolas Buffe make us discover the chromatic diversity which is possible with the minimalist palette – we even may say "non-colour".

Nicolas Buffe makes works with strong contrasts, consisting of chalk drawings or white pen on black paper drawings. He has a detailed and accurate style, close to ornament or decoration. Nicolas Buffe mixes references to the past and roots in the present. He combines an aesthetic which reminds the great painters of the Renaissance with the virtuosity of the line and contemporary references to Japanese manga culture or comics for example. By limiting himself to the use of black and white, Nicolas Buffe highlights the importance of drawing; he raises his decorative power and release it. The artwork lies in a balance which is describe by Christine Buci-Glucksmann *"between shape and shapeless, plan and chaos, past and future, the drawing on black-colour background and basis, flows with a fantastic freedom and surprising irony."*

YZ's works presents a different interpretation of black and white in the painting. Black and white come in his works in a multitude of grey shades. By mixing it with water, YZ transforms black ink into different grey washings. At first, she worked on stencil technics and she keeps from this period, especially in her "*Women from another century*" series, the system of difference layers by painting seven or eight different grey hues. Like a daguerreotype, "photographic-paintings", YZ's works seems eternal.

In JonOne's work the "Black & White" is unexpected. But for this graffiti artist from the first years the color austerity showcases his skills as a calligrapher and the way the dynamics of the letter overcomes the simple Roman alphabet to become rhythm, intensity and energy.

The exhibition « Black and White » brings a certain part of contrasts but also poetry. With acrylic on canvas, black in on silk paper or by reversing the ratio of black on white by working with chalk on black background, the combination of blanch and white allows YZ, JonOne and Nicolas Buffe to create luminous works.

Black and White, YZ, JonOne and Nicolas Buffe	exhibition from January 11th to February 8th, 2014
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