

Mari Stoel

“Wave”

**Opening reception with the artist:
Friday February 23rd, 5-8 pm**

**Exhibition dates:
February 23rd – March 25th, 2018**



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Ten Haaf Projects is pleased to announce “Wave”, a solo exhibition by Mari Stoel. Creating allows Mari Stoel to deal with his inner struggle and self-imposed obstructions by finding a solution, escaping and going towards liberation. Stoel is interested in physical boundaries and the process behind an idea, the tension between figuration and abstraction. He demonstrates a playful approach towards deconstruction and still manages an aesthetic way of working. His work is as well thought-out and precise as it is spontaneous.

This series displays Mari Stoel’s edition of silkscreen prints, made in collaboration with Studio Onvervalst in Haarlem. The work has a two- and three-dimensional function that cannot be seen separately. Through it he expresses his need to be silent, to not show anything at all. He alludes here all (recognisable) figuration, which he wants to avoid, but apparently cannot seem to escape. He also seems to look for an excuse, to show it anyway, in order to justify silence. These works contain this paradoxical desire.

The second type of works is site-specific. Mari Stoel used pieces of ceiling collected in the building that houses the gallery. With these “objets trouvés”, Stoel created, for the first time in his career, a series of self-portraits. He approaches this well-known representation of an artist by an artist in a quirky, playful way.

Born in 1978, Mari Stoel received his MFA from St. Joost School of Fine Arts in Den Bosch. Gerrit van Houten prizewinner in 2017 and Buning Brongers Prizewinner in 2010, Stoel has shown his work throughout the Netherlands, as well as in Chicago, New York and Shanghai. In 2013 he was one of the artists nominated for the Royal Prize for Painting (Koninklijke Prijs voor Vrije Schilderkunst). This is his third solo exhibition at Ten Haaf Projects.

This exhibition will be held at Geldersekade 30, 1012 BJ Amsterdam. During the opening reception, Witteveen Visual Arts will also open their new show in the same building.

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