

# TEN HAAF PROJECTS

**Mari Stoel**

**“Surface & Position”**

**Opening party with the artist:  
Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 pm**

**Exhibition dates:  
May 6<sup>th</sup> – June 18<sup>th</sup> 2016**



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Ten Haaf Projects is pleased to announce “Surface and Position”, an exhibition by Mari Stoel. Creating allows Mari Stoel to deal with his inner struggle: finding a solution, escaping and going towards liberation. He demonstrates a playful approach towards obstructions and still maintains an aesthetic way of working. While all his work is well thought through, it is also spontaneous. Stoel wants his work to be alive, breathing and capable of going into any direction.

While Stoel’s past work was mostly figurative, in this series he tries to approach abstraction without losing figurative elements. The exhibition consists of paintings, collages and an installation. Stoel’s compositions can sometimes turn out rather clumsy, yet clearly poetic. His work shows the sediment of an incidental act. It’s like a situation that calls out an elementary way of making art, and then instantly leaves it behind. The result shows a balance between conceptual rigor and intuitive creation.

Born in 1978, Mari Stoel received his MFA from St. Joost School of Fine Art and Design. Buning Brongers prizewinner in 2010, Stoel has shown his work throughout the Netherlands, as well as in Chicago and New York. In 2013, he was one of the 25 artists nominated for the Royal Prize for Painting (Koninklijke Prijs voor Vrije Schilderkunst). This is his second solo exhibition at Ten Haaf Projects.

During our opening party, gallery Vriend van Bavink will also have their opening with Thomas van Rijs in the same building.

*Ten Haaf Projects gallery is still under construction. “Surface & Position” will be shown in a temporary location at Geldersekaade 30, 1012 BJ Amsterdam.*

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