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LAURE HATCHUEL-BECKER: FORM AND COLOUR

14 April – 29 August 2014



left: *Spiral*, 2014, oil on canvas, 80x80cm **centre:** *The Blow of Humanity*, 2011, oil & mixed materials on canvas, 60x60cm **right:** *China on the World Chessboard*, 2013, oil on canvas, 100x100cm

Gallery Elena Shchukina is pleased to present *Form and Colour*, the first UK solo exhibition of French artist Laure Hatchuel-Becker (b. 1967).

Inspired by dot paintings of Australian Aboriginal artists, many of Hatchuel-Becker's three-dimensional oil paintings focus on symmetry, alignment and colour to create simple structures. The inclusion of humble elements such as gauze or driftwood in some of her works echoes Arte Povera's return to simple objects and messages. Moreover, Hatchuel-Becker's reliance on a palette knife to create highly textured surfaces is but one of several techniques she employs.

The relationship between form and colour lying at the heart of aesthetic perception is also central to Hatchuel-Becker's practice. Her polychromatic works reflect her passion for travel and art history. As such, her rich visual vocabulary is full of symbolism and subjectivity.

Following the gallery's concept of showing art alongside interior pieces, the exhibition will include a Hatchuel-Becker designed table in addition to other furniture and objects.

Laure Hatchuel-Becker has exhibited internationally. She's had solo shows at the Gallery of the Alliance Française (Singapore), UBS Showroom and Pastor Gallery (Monaco), Bansard Gallery (Paris), Curious Design Gallery (Sydney), amongst others. She has also taken part in group exhibitions including the Malta Biennale (Malta), Barclays Showroom (London), Artcurial Auction and Christiane Peugeot Gallery: French American Art Show (Paris), Domaine des Arts (St-Tropez), Prince Pierre Foundation of Monaco International competition for Contemporary Art (Monaco), Art Miami, Art Wynwood, Ricart Gallery (Miami). Hatchuel-Becker has also won the 1st Prize at the Malta Biennale (Design Section) and the 1st Prize at the French American Art Show (Painting).

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Listings information: Laure Hatchuel-Becker: Form and Colour. 14 April – 6 September.
Opening hours: Monday – Friday 9:30 - 17:30

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