

Disease of the Eyes 31.8.—11.11.18

EN Sanya Kantarovsky Kunsthalle Basel

Lush, moody, touching, and wry, the paintings of Sanya Kantarovsky offer a strange form of address. Their subjects gaze at you insolently (while on horseback, a corpse its casual companion), or entreatingly (while floating, probably wounded, in an endless sea). These are saturated images, built up from washes of color, layers of references, sly nods to our contemporary moment, and the self-conscious stylistic inflections of painters of yesteryear. One senses that their maker believes in the urgency but also the absurdity of painting as he assembles marks that are not afraid to be imperfect, even awkward. They make almost palpable such emotions as alienation, embarrassment, intimacy, and desire, exposing quotidian human melodrama and existential cruelty, all while being able to laugh at themselves as they turn to you so that you may laugh, too. Here, in the Russian-born artist's largest exhibition to date and first institutional show in Switzerland, Kantarovsky shows all new paintings and monotype prints—the connections between the two mediums revealing much about his process of constructing images.

Sanya Kantarovsky was born in 1982 in Moscow; he lives and works in New York, US.

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GUIDED TOURS THROUGH THE EXHIBITION

Every Sunday at 3 pm guided tour, in German

Curator's tour with Elena Filipovic, in English

2.9.2018, Sunday, 3 pm

28.10.2018, Sunday, 3 pm

Guided tour, in English

20.9.2018, Thursday, 6:30 pm

Guided tour by Sanya Kantarovsky

through his exhibition, in English

11.11.2018, Sunday, 3 pm

EDUCATION / PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Children's workshop *I Spy with My Little Eye!*

16.9.2018, Sunday, 3 pm

28.10.2018, Sunday, 3 pm

A tour and workshop for children aged 5–10,

in German, by reservation only:

kunstvermittlung@kunsthallebasel.ch

Introduction for teachers

18.10.2018, Thursday, 6–8 pm

Teachers are introduced to the current

exhibition and get a backstage visit to

Kunsthalle Basel, in German. By reservation:

kunstvermittlung@kunsthallebasel.ch

Family Sunday

4.11.2018, Sunday, 11 am–4 pm

A special program with a printmaking workshop and further activities for the whole family.

Accompanied by the presentation of *Vom*

Rumdrucken und Umwälzen, an educational

project conducted with the Basel based primary

school Inselstrasse. In cooperation with

DRUCKSTELLE Basel, in English and German.

Artist talk and film premiere

10.11.2018, Saturday, 1:30 pm, Stadtkino Basel, Klostergasse 5

Artist talk with Sanya Kantarovsky accompanied

by the premiere of his short animation film

Disease of the Eyes, in English.

In the Kunsthalle Basel library you will find a selection of publications related to Sanya Kantarovsky.

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More information at kunsthallebasel.ch

- 36 *Floater*, 2018
Oil and watercolor
on canvas
200 × 282.6 cm
- 37 *Friend*, 2018
Oil and watercolor
on canvas
215.9 × 165.1 cm
- 38 *Snails*, 2018
Oil and watercolor
on linen
41 × 29.8 cm

- 39 *One World*, 2018
Oil and watercolor
on canvas
200 × 282.6 cm
- 40 *Smear*, 2018
Oil and watercolor
on canvas
241.3 × 165.1 cm
- 41 *Petrol*, 2018
Oil and watercolor
on canvas
215.9 × 165.1 cm
- 42 *Dvor (Yard)*, 2018
Oil and watercolor on
Yupo paper and canvas
86.4 × 66 cm

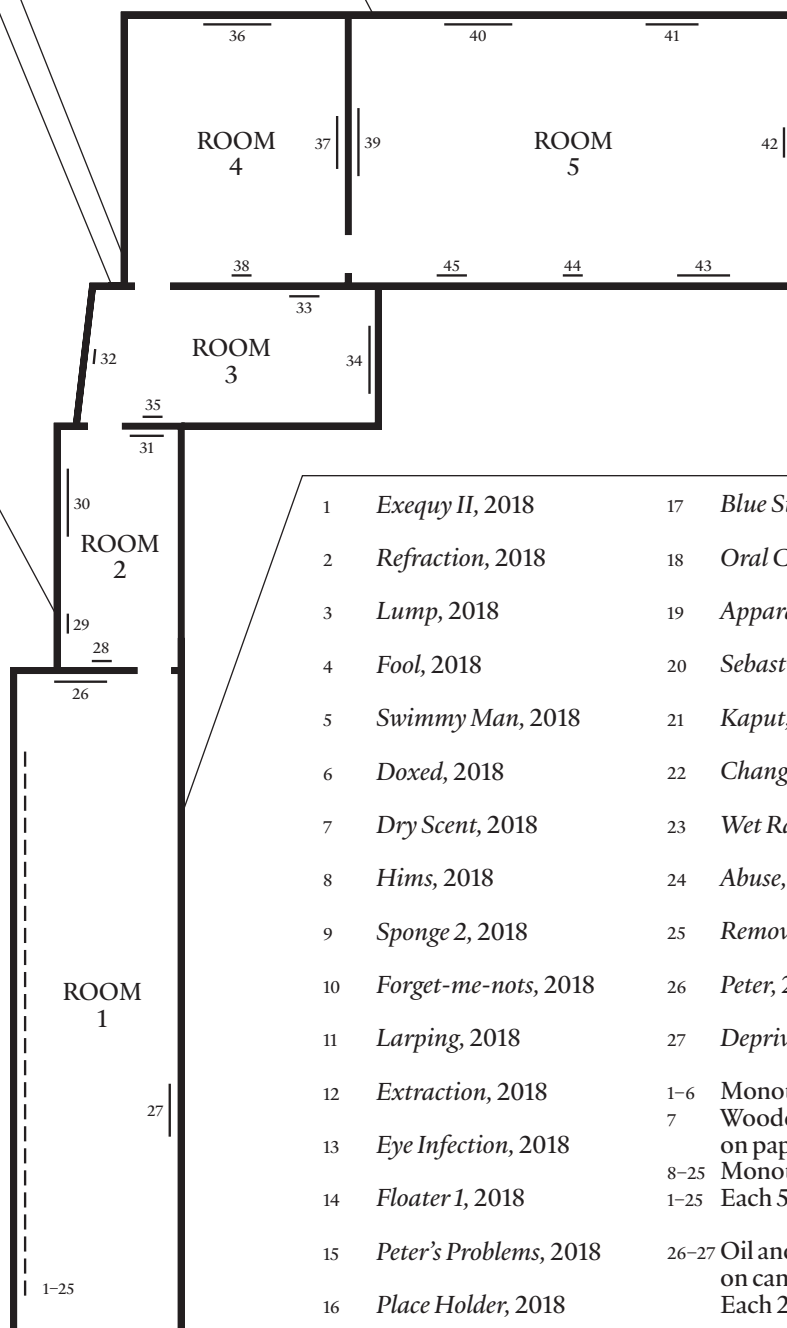
- 43 *Alma*, 2018
Oil and watercolor
on canvas
215.9 × 165.1 cm
- 44 *Banana*, 2018
Oil and watercolor
on linen
41 × 29.8 cm
- 45 *Enlightened
Self-Interest*, 2018
Oil and watercolor
on linen
139.7 × 101.9 cm

- 32 *Boy With Nose Bleed*, 2018
Oil and watercolor on linen
41 × 29.8 cm
- 33 *Jew*, 2018
Oil, watercolor and woodblock
on canvas
86.4 × 66 cm
- 34 *Seizure*, 2018
Oil and watercolor on canvas
241.3 × 165.1 cm
- 35 *Bonehead*, 2018
Oil and watercolor on linen
41 × 29.8 cm

- 28 *Zontik*, 2018
Oil and watercolor on linen
41 × 29.8 cm
- 29 *Wavy Head*, 2018
Oil and watercolor on linen
41 × 29.8 cm
- 30 *Documents*, 2018
Oil and watercolor on canvas
241.3 × 165.1 cm
- 31 *Milker (Grant Wood)*, 2018
Oil and watercolor on linen
139.7 × 101.9 cm

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| 1 <i>Exequy II</i> , 2018 | 17 <i>Blue Steel</i> , 2018 |
| 2 <i>Refraction</i> , 2018 | 18 <i>Oral Cavity</i> , 2018 |
| 3 <i>Lump</i> , 2018 | 19 <i>Apparatchik</i> , 2018 |
| 4 <i>Fool</i> , 2018 | 20 <i>Sebastian</i> , 2018 |
| 5 <i>Swimmy Man</i> , 2018 | 21 <i>Kaput</i> , 2018 |
| 6 <i>Doxed</i> , 2018 | 22 <i>Change of Heart</i> , 2018 |
| 7 <i>Dry Scent</i> , 2018 | 23 <i>Wet Rag</i> , 2018 |
| 8 <i>Hims</i> , 2018 | 24 <i>Abuse</i> , 2018 |
| 9 <i>Sponge 2</i> , 2018 | 25 <i>Removal III</i> , 2018 |
| 10 <i>Forget-me-nots</i> , 2018 | 26 <i>Peter</i> , 2018 |
| 11 <i>Larping</i> , 2018 | 27 <i>Deprivation</i> , 2018 |
| 12 <i>Extraction</i> , 2018 | 1–6 Monotype on paper |
| 13 <i>Eye Infection</i> , 2018 | 7 Woodcut and watercolor
on paper |
| 14 <i>Floater 1</i> , 2018 | 8–25 Monotype on paper |
| 15 <i>Peter's Problems</i> , 2018 | 1–25 Each 55.9 × 45.4 cm |
| 16 <i>Place Holder</i> , 2018 | 26–27 Oil and watercolor
on canvas
Each 215.9 × 165.1 cm |

All works
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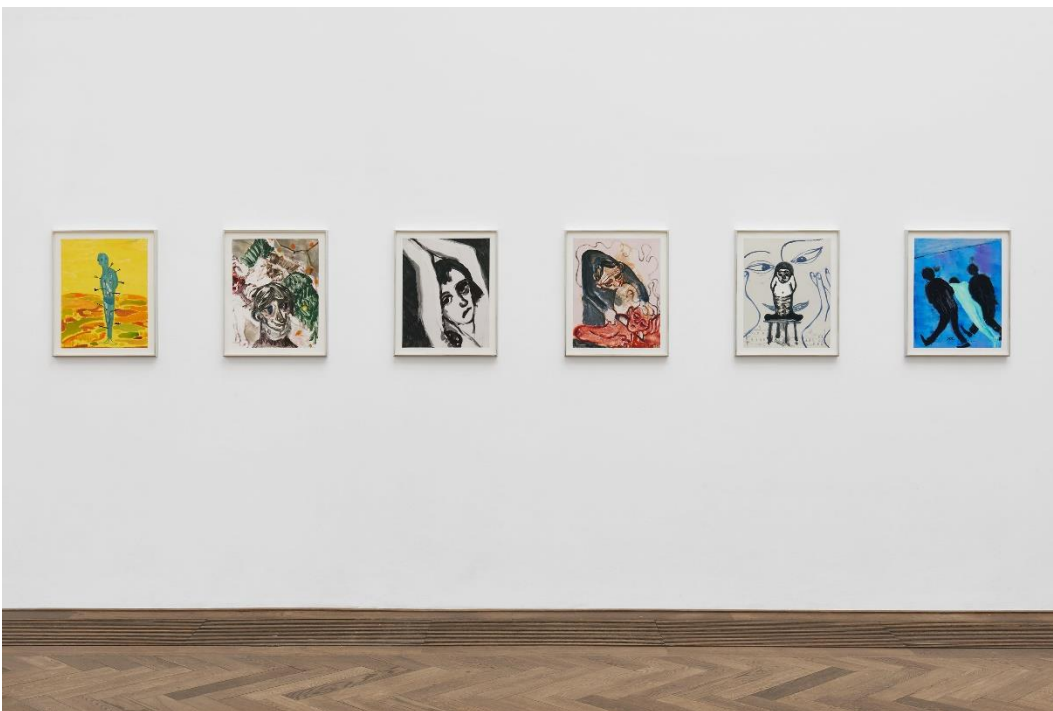
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Sanya Kantarovsky, *Disease of the Eyes*, 2018, (video still)

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JByjQxA1Kw>

Die Premiere findet am Sa, den 10.11.2018 um 13.30 Uhr im Stadtkino Basel statt.

The premiere takes place on Sat, 10.11.2018 at 1:30 pm at Stadtkino Basel

Alle Arbeiten

Courtesy der Künstler; Luhring Augustine, New York; Stuart Shave/Modern Art, London; und Tanya Leighton Gallery, Berlin.

All works

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AUSBILDUNG UND AUSZEICHNUNGEN (AUSWAHL) / EDUCATION AND AWARDS (SELECTION)

- 2011 MFA, University of California, Los Angeles (US)
- 2008 Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture Residency, Skowhegan (US)
- 2004 BFA, Painting, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence (US)
- 2003 European Honours Program, Rom

- 2014 - Artist in Residence at Monteverdi Tuscany (IT)
- 2012 - Los Angeles County Museum of Art AHAN: Studio forum winner, Los Angeles (US)
- 2007 - Program Artist in Residency, Berlin

EINZELAUSSTELLUNGEN (AUSWAHL) / SOLO EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2017 - Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, Turin (IT)
- 2016 - Feral Neighbours, Stuart Shave/Modern Art, London
- In the Gutter, Tanya Leighton, Berlin
- 2015 - Happy Soul, Art Basel Unlimited, Basel (CH)
- Apricot Juice, with Ieva Misevičiūtė, Studio Voltaire, London
- Gushers, Marc Foxx, Los Angeles (US)
- 2014 - Happy Soul, LAXART, Los Angeles (US)
- Little Vera, with Ella Kruglyanskaya, Contemporary Art Centre, Riga
- Allergies, Casey Kaplan, New York (US)
- Marc Foxx, Los Angeles (US)
- 2013 - Monday's Dirty Light, Altman Siegel, San Francisco (US)
- The Flat Made Thing, Art Basel Features, Marc Foxx (CH)
- You are Not an Evening, Gesellschaft für Aktuelle Kunst, Bremen (DE)
- 2012 - LAXART Façade and Billboard, Los Angeles (US)
- Dear Dilettante, Tanya Leighton, Berlin
- Blue Notebook No 10, Marc Foxx, Los Angeles (US)
- 2009 - Mutualisms, AMT, Mailand (IT)
- 2008 - Simple Past, BW Space, Berlin

GRUPPENAUSSTELLUNGEN (AUSWAHL) / GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTION)

- 2017 - The Arcades: Contemporary Art and Walter Benjamin, The Jewish Museum, New York (US)
- An Uncanny Likeness, Simon Lee Gallery, New York (US)
- Menagerie: Animals on view, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, New York (US)
- 2016 - Giles, Gagosian, Athens
- A Modest Proposal, Hauser & Wirth, New York (US)
- Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions, Kaufmann Repetto, Mailand (IT)
- Repetition, Boghossian Foundation, Brüssel
- Theories of Modern Art, Stuart Shave/Modern Art, London
- Inaugural Exhibition, Romeo, New York (US)
- The Eccentrics, Sculpture Center, New York (US)
- Untitled Body Parts, Simone Subal, New York (US)
- SURREAL, König Galerie, Berlin
- 2015 - The Funnies, MOT International, Brüssel
- Tightrope Walk: Painted Images After Abstraction, White Cube, London
- Works on Paper, William Arnold, New York (US)
- Over you/you, The 31st Biennial of Graphic Arts, Ljubljana
- CALL AND RESPONSE, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York (US)