

Layla Klinger | Send Nudes | 3.9.20 – 31.10.20

Curator: Maya Frenkel Tene

In Layla Klinger's works there are two seemingly opposing worlds intertwined – Centuries old craftsmanship and images from contemporary virtual realms. The issues that concern her are both personal and mundane. She seeks to evoke expressions of passion and queer eroticism, visit the fleeting moments of selfies and digital intimacy, and recreate them as artistic material. Her artistic practice is based on 16th century English embroidery (BlackWork), reconstructed patterns made with careful and accurate count. Slow and repetitive embroidery action allows her to dwell on the image, deepen it and scorch it on the canvas and in her memory.

Klinger's attraction to textiles stems from its affinity to craft and design, which are perceived as marginal and "decorative" forms of art. The embroidery work, which was traditionally done by women in the private and domestic space, is used here as an expression of extroverted and seductive femininity. The works exhibited here, were created during her stay in New York. The building blocks of the repeating pattern are Hebrew print fonts. The names of the works are words in Hebrew, written in English letters. The use of language as another layer of imagery stems from a need for self-differentiation in a foreign environment, and from the desire to be understood fully only by those who share her own language.

Layla Klinger (b. 1993) is a graduate of the Department of Textile Design, Shenkar (2017). She participated in an exchange student program with the Swedish School of Textiles in Boros, Sweden. Graduate student at The New School – Parsons. Winner of the Sharett Foundation Award (an American – Israel Cultural Foundation) for her Final Project of her bachelor's degree. She participated in the Nightlight TLV Festival and at the Sheik Abrik Festival, as well in the Fiberart International in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her works were displayed in the artists' greenhouse – Fresh Fair 2019.

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