

Frank Jimin Hopp

FINAL ROUND

curated by Julia Kochanek



© Frank Jimin Hopp, „Tyger Tyger“, 2022

The Galerie im Tempelhof Museum is proud to present recent paintings, drawings, and ceramics by Frank Jimin Hopp. With his works, Hopp responds to challenges of our time such as climate change. In the current exhibition, questions of planetary decay meet figures and motifs from everyday pop culture which, though at first glance seem exuberant, upon prolonged viewing turn out to be rather excessive and threatening.

The title 'FINAL ROUND' comes from the language of video games. In *Beat'em up Games* the term refers to the last period of the game when it's do-or-die. Here, Hopp has transferred the term to refer to the alarming and soon irreversible destruction of the planet.

Hopp's painterly works are dominated by daredevilish poses of mostly scantily clad heroines, largely inspired by film, comic and video game characters from the 1990s and early 2000s. With physical commitment and violence these superhuman figures can conquer any opponent while confronting the catastrophes of their fictional world. And yet their martial efforts seem futile and powerless when viewed from the perspective of contemporary crises, for in the face of climate catastrophe the model of the individualistic lone warrior is doomed to fail: the salvation of the planet is only possible through collective solutions.

The ceramics, for their part, are derived from everyday culture. Here we are primarily confronted with capitalism's disposable consumer goods. As one of the drivers of climate change, in the exhibition the capitalist system becomes one of the opponents of the 'Final Round'.

Frank Jimin Hopp (*1994 in Berlin) has been studying fine arts at the Berlin University of the Arts since 2013, with study visits in London and Seoul. In 2019 he received the Haus am Kleistpark Art Prize. Hopp's work has been featured in numerous exhibitions in Germany and abroad.

Exhibition duration
2.9. – 6.11.2022

Opening
Thursday,
1 September, 6pm-2pm

Information on events in the accompanying programme as well as the current requirements for a visit can be found on our website.

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© Frank Jimin Hopp,
„Donald“, 2021
Watercolour on paper,
21 × 14 cm



© Frank Jimin Hopp,
„Bugs Bunny“, 2021
Watercolour, coloured pencils
on paper, 21 × 14 cm



© Frank Jimin Hopp,
„Tyger Tyger“, 2022,
Oil on canvas,
120 × 100 cm



© Frank Jimin Hopp,
„Final Round“, 2022,
Oil on canvas,
140 × 100 cm



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„Burning Ocean“, 2022,
Glazed ceramics



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„Medium Rare“, 2022,
Glazed ceramics