

The Art of Transformation

Transformations of machines and tools play a central role in our collective imagination. The group exhibition *Metamorphosis Overdrive* examines these changes and transformations of everyday things and technical forms and their significance in the present. The exhibition brings together works by eight international artists.

A car headlight suddenly assumes a face and seems to look at the viewer. The boundaries between human and machine, life and mechanical functioning are becoming blurred. *Metamorphosis Overdrive* focuses on this ambivalent and at the same time symbiotic relationship.

The exhibition examines our consumer society's obsession with objects, questions their appeal, and reveals their potential for frustration. Despite their cool aesthetic and standardized, industrial appearance, the sculptures establish an emotional and poetic relationship with the viewer. For Camille Blatrix, for example, this dynamic of attraction and repulsion is what is fascinating: "All subjects, even technical objects, are about emotion. For example, iPhones are super scary, but at the same time, super sexy. I'm interested in this contrast."

Yngve Holen, Hater Taillight, 2016, courtesy of the artist and Galerie Neu, Berlin

Starting on 7 March, the eight international artists in the exhibition at the Kunstmuseum St. Gallen will analyze the new limits of sculpture from the perspective of technology and perception. The participating artists are Camille Blatrix (*1984, France), Timothée Calame (*1991, Geneva), Rä Di Martino (*1975, Rome), Simon Dybbroe Møller (*1976, Aarhus), Yngve Holen (*1982, Braunschweig), Diego Perrone (*1970, Asti), Ilona Ruegg (*1949, Rapperswil), and Guan Xiao (*1983, Chongqing Province).

Exhibition dates

7 March – 6 September 2020 Kunstmuseum St. Gallen

Press conference Fri., 6 March 2020 11 a.m.

Exhibition opening Fri., 6 March 2020 6:30 p.m.

Opening hours
Tue. – Sun.: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wed.: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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Fact sheet

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Curator Lorenzo Benedetti

Opening hours Tuesday – Sunday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Admission Single admission, regular price CHF 12.00

Pensioners CHF 10.00
Vocational, school, and university students CHF 6.00
Members of the Kunstverein St. Gallen Free

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Iman Issa

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21 December 2019 – 26 April 2020 | Kunstmuseum St. Gallen

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8 February – 21 June 2020 | Lokremise

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