

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Alex Markwith, "Confluence: Synthetic Visions"

Dates: July 12th - July 30th, 2023

Location: Galleria Uusi Kipinä, Kymintie 1, 15140 Lahti, Finland

Opening Reception: Tuesday, July 11th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

***All parts of this art project have been produced using human-AI interaction***

### **Alex Markwith Painting Exhibition at Galleria Uusi Kipinä Includes original paintings that have been inspired using a process that includes iterative artificial intelligence techniques created in Collaboration with Jori Grym**

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Galleria Uusi Kipinä is proud to present an extraordinary exhibition featuring visionary mixed media paintings by Alex Markwith incorporating a ground-breaking iterative AI process made in collaboration with behavioral strategist and researcher Jori Grym. From July 12th to July 30th, you are invited to immerse yourself in the captivating realm where abstraction meets representation, and traditional techniques merge with cutting-edge technology. This not-to-be-missed exhibition will take place at Galleria Uusi Kipinä, located at Kymintie 1, 15140 Lahti.

Markwith's abstract expressionist roots are evident in the bold strokes and vibrant colors that dominate the canvas. His paintings are a visual symphony, a riot of color and form that draws the viewer into a world of emotion and sensation. A reinterpretation of the neo-classical masterpiece, "The Death of Socrates" serves as the conceptual starting point. Recurring images such as skulls and chess pieces, symbols of mortality and strategy, add a layer of depth and introspection to the works.

A highlight of the exhibition is the ground-breaking collaboration between Alex Markwith and Jori Grym, where artificial intelligence is harnessed as a co-creative tool. Witness the harmonious blend of human ingenuity and technological prowess as AI-generated images come to life in the tactile real world. This unprecedented partnership pushes the boundaries of artistic creation, blurring the lines between human and machine creativity.

The exhibition will open with a grand reception on Tuesday, July 11th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This exclusive event provides an opportunity to meet the artist, gain insights into the creative process, and delve deeper into the intricate layers of Markwith's artistic vision.

We invite art enthusiasts, collectors, and the curious alike to experience this extraordinary exhibition at Galleria Uusi Kipinä. Join us from July 12th to July 30th as we embark on a journey through Alex Markwith's diverse artistic world, where tradition and innovation collide, and imagination knows no bounds.

## **ALEX MARKWITH BIO**

Alex Markwith is a Helsinki-based visual artist known for his mixed media paintings and sculptures. Merging abstraction, collage and street art influences, Markwith's current body of work hybridizes his physical, process-oriented approach with digital tools imagery.

Previously based in New York City, Markwith has participated in more than fifty exhibitions worldwide, including solo shows in New York, Houston, Paris and Helsinki. Recent projects include a Copenhagen residency as part of ARTIVAL: Re-Connect and participation in NordArt 2023, Europe's largest juried exhibition of contemporary art held annually in Büdelsdorf, Germany.

Born 1988, Kinston, PA (USA), Markwith earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Rhode Island School of Design (Painting, 2011) and completed the school's European Honors Program in Rome, Italy. Markwith has received grants from the City of Helsinki and the Arts Promotion Center of Finland (Taika) and is a member of Taidemaalariliitto and Helsinki Artists' Association. His work is held in numerous private collections and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

## **JORI GRYM BIO**

Jori Grym is a distinguished strategist and researcher, whose expertise lies at the intersection of behavior, economics, and technology. As a behavioral strategist at the Finnish Tax Administration and a researcher of behavioral economics and experimental philosophy at the Hanken School of Economics, Grym has dedicated his career to unraveling the complex dynamics of human decision-making and judgment.

Grym is no stranger to the public sphere; his insights are frequently sought after, with appearances on the Finnish morning TV science program, "Jälkikaronkka," and numerous public lectures under his belt.

Grym's ongoing exploration of AI-generated images is his first venture into the realm of contemporary art, produced in collaboration with visual artist Alex Markwith. Drawing upon his deep knowledge of new technologies, including AI tools and cryptocurrencies, Grym seeks to examine the influence of these technologies on human perception and judgment, pushing the boundaries of both art and science.