



The Track (1), 2014, Collection of the artist

VIGGO WALLENSKÖLD

Mindful Portraits

Exhibition 23 September – 25 November 2018

In Autumn 2018, Maison Louis Carré presents an exhibition of Finnish painter Viggo Wallensköld (b. 1969). Named Young Artist of the Year in 2005, Wallensköld is well known in Finland, where his works are part of all the main museum and institution collections. This is his first show in France since 2005. 24 portrait paintings, covering his career since 2002, have been selected for the house and gathered from numerous institutions, private owners and the artist's collection.



Summer II, 2002, The Saastamoinen Foundation Art Collection / EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art



Countess (3), 2016, Helsinki Art Museum

Wallensköld's portraits may seem classical at first glance, but soon the viewer's attention is caught by some strange details. Alienation, imperfection and questions on intergender identity characterize many of his figures. Generally standing or sitting alone, these characters establish an empathic relationship with the viewer, through their humanity, quietness and familiar details. They are alone, but at the same time exude a sense of serenity, peace and tolerance. These mindful portraits open up a new dimension in our consideration of other fellow humans.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a catalogue including a text by Pilvi Kalhama, director of the EMMA Espoo Museum of Modern Art, and an introduction by Niilo Jääskinen, Chair of Association Alvar Aalto en France, in English and French (Kalhama's text is also available in Finnish).

Maison Louis Carré is Alvar Aalto's only building in France and one of his most remarkable private houses. The villa was built for the art dealer and collector Louis Carré 1959-63, and preserves intact the furniture and interiors designed by the Finnish architect. Since 2006 the villa is the property of Association Alvar Aalto en France. Besides seminars and events, two to three contemporary art exhibitions are organized annually.



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March to November, Saturdays and Sundays 2-6pm upon reservation.
Private visits and groups upon request.

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