

LAUNCH F18



B.D. GRAFT **PLANTED THOUGHTS**

Opening reception, Saturday, February 29 from 6-9 PM
February 29 – April 11, 2020
373 Broadway, New York, NY

LAUNCH F18 and ABSTRACT GALLERY are delighted to present *Planted Thoughts*, a solo exhibition by Amsterdam based artist, B.D. Graft. The exhibition opens on Saturday, February 29 from 6-9 PM and is on view through April 11, 2020. This exhibition marks the first solo show of the artist's work in New York.

Planted Thoughts features an array of drawing and painting, displaying the many forms of Graft's practice in his on going plant works. The exhibition forms a truly positive note, highlighting a sincere sense of optimism, innocence and genuine joy for art. As a self taught

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artist, B.D. Graft has rose over the years in similar fashion to contemporary artists such as JR or KAWS, connecting with many beyond the art world while also remaining very much a fine art artist. *Planted Thoughts* continues in this same fashion, both visually and conceptually. Creating an exhibition and experience that can be enjoyed by many, offering a little shared light on the brighter side of the everyday.

B.D. Graft was born in 1988 in Colonge, Germnay. Working mainly in the fields of collage and painting, Graft's focus primarily lies on exploring concepts of ownership and the deceptively decorative. Graft has exhibited extensively through out the world including The Netherlands, Germany, Spain, South Korea, France and the USA. Recent solo exhibitions include "Trying To Feel More Yellow Than Blue," Nina Sagt Gallery, Dusseldorf, Germany, and "The Art of Yellow," Mute Muse Gallery, Seoul, Korea (2019). B.D. has also collaborated with programs such as Uprise Art as well as a fashion collaboration with Off-White. Graft lives and works in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

ABSTRACT is an information platform which specializes in abstract art. Their goal is to publish important art events in the world and show art trends. They also look for young, noteworthy artists and help to unleash their potential. It's important for them to form a new generation of great artists who deserve their place in art-history.

LAUNCH F18 was founded in 2010 by artists and curators Tim Dononvan and Sam Trioli. Initially entitled Launch Art, the two formed a partnership organizing a number of exhibitions in semi-permanent locations along the east coast. As interest and opportunities grew, Launch Art required a more permanent location, finding its new home at 373 Broadway in Tribeca and the name LAUNCH F18 was conceived. Since 2010, over 40 exhibitions have been presented in the gallery, showing the work of established and emerging artists, including thoughtful exhibitions by gallery artists: Nathan Dilworth, Andrej Dubravsky, Eric Freeman, Meena Hasan, Tyler Lafreniere, Erika Mahr, Frankie Rice, Didi Rojas and Bradford Willingham.