

LIV METTE LARSEN

Scrap Metal New York Paintings 2011



Scrap Metal Heap VIII
eggtempera on canvas
200x150cm, 2011



Scrap Metal Heap I
eggtempera on canvas
200x150cm, 2011



Scrap Metal Heap II
eggtempera on canvas
200x150cm, 2011



Scrap Metal Heap III
eggtempera on canvas
200x150cm, 2011



Scrap Metal Heap IV
eggtempera on canvas
200x150cm, 2011



Scrap Metal Heap V
eggtempera on canvas
200x150cm, 2011



Scrap Metal Heap VI
eggtempera on canvas
200x150cm, 2011



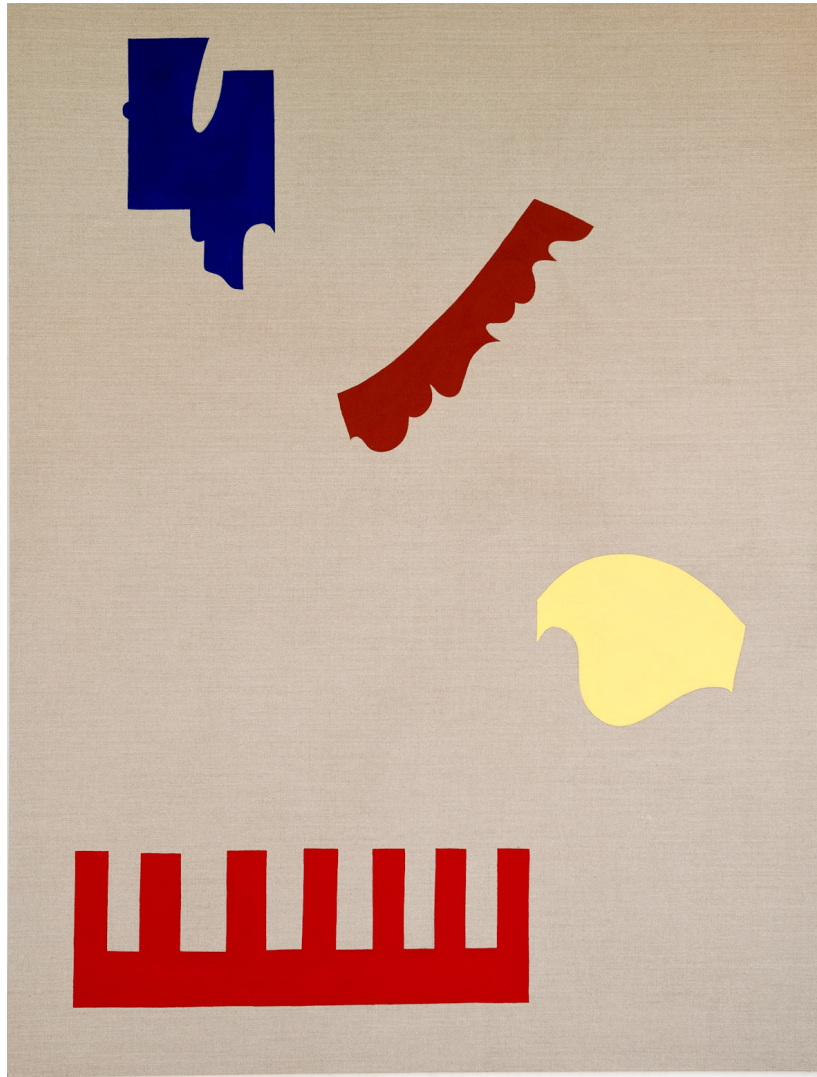
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Scrap Metal Heap VIII
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Scrap Metal Heap IX
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Scrap Metal Heap X
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200x150cm, 2011

LIV METTE LARSEN : SCRAP METAL NEW YORK PAINTINGS

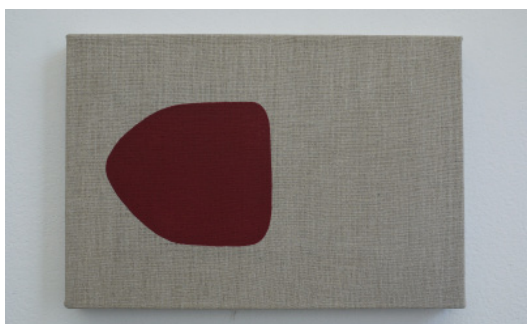
In a career spanning more than thirty years, Larsen's intuitive paintings, watercolors and drawings establish an energetic dialogue about perception and the transitory moments of life. Working primarily in monochrome silhouettes, she employs alternating scales to reconstruct the subjective realities of her narratives. Instead she proposes an inductive perspective, abstracting people and things from her daily encounters that reflect the circumstances of Larsen's practice. Her paintings dissolve the boundaries between figuration and abstraction, with objects transforming fluidly into organic geometric forms. She paints with densely applied egg tempera to create the illusion of volume to allow isolated elements to become vivid archetypal forms and graphic signs.

Throughout her recent works, urban space and the ways in which people engage with it have been a primary concern. Drawing inspiration from the fleeting moments of everyday life, figures are devoid of context, either standing alone or with blocks of color. In *Big Men* (2011), heavily bundled men isolated against the canvas appear to be engaged in a ritualistic dance, alternately moving closer and further away. Likewise in *Berlin Blue Abstract Walking* (2010), an unknown woman, identifiable only by her profile, poses in each canvas. Reduced to strictly physical cues, each stance ranges from contemplative to interrogative. This series takes its title from a specific blue that was discovered by eighteenth-century alchemists working in the Prussian capital.

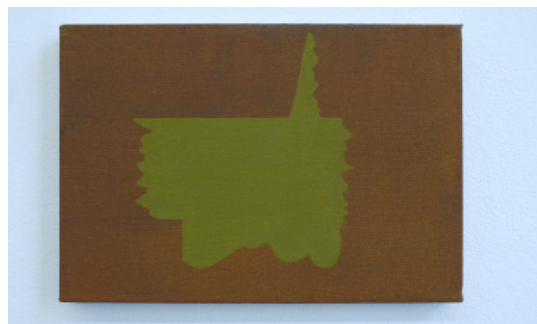
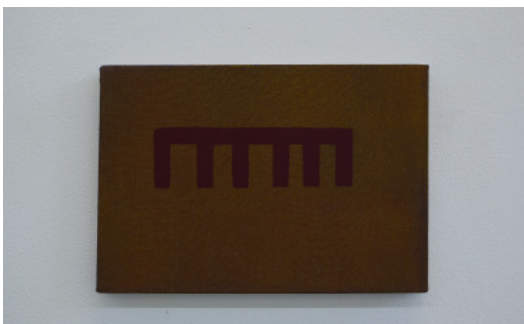
From anonymous figures to pared-down industrial environments, she seeks to integrate the identifying characteristics of her location with her works. Larsen approaches the subway as a linear system reminiscent of Mondrian's urban grids while in *Scrap Metal* and *Scrap Metal Heap* (2011) Larsen records the scrap metal heaps that were immediately outside of the window of her Brooklyn studio. Reduced to abstract swathes of bright yellow, blue, orange, and green, the utility of each jagged piece dissolves into an amoeboid shape. In *Smith Street* (2011), the blurred relationship between figure and ground disorients perspective. Although Larsen makes reference to a specific location, her paintings examine the fundamental relationships between people and their surroundings, preserving initial observations and glimpses to allow for prolonged reflection.

Liv Mette Larsen was born in Oslo, Norway in 1952 and attended the Oslo SHKS School of Art and Crafts. From 1978-84 she studied at the Berlin Hochschule für Künste (UDK). In 1992 she won Berlin's Senate Cultural Affairs Department Grant and Norway's Vederlagsfondet Grant in 1994, 1996, 1997 and 2006. She received additional grants from the Norwegian Cultural Council in 2000, 2004 and 2006. Recent solo exhibitions include *Literaturhaus*, Salzburg, Austria (2006), *Galerie Kai Hilgemann*, Berlin, Germany (2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012), *Galeria Fruela*, Madrid, Spain (2008) and *Helac Fine Art*, New York, USA (2011).

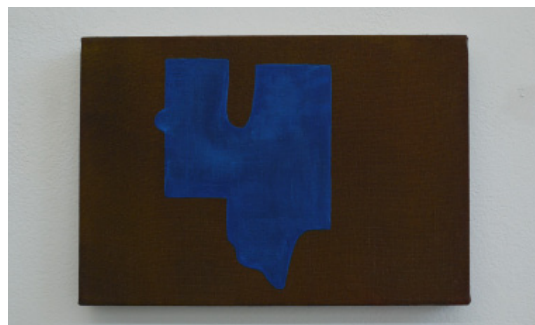
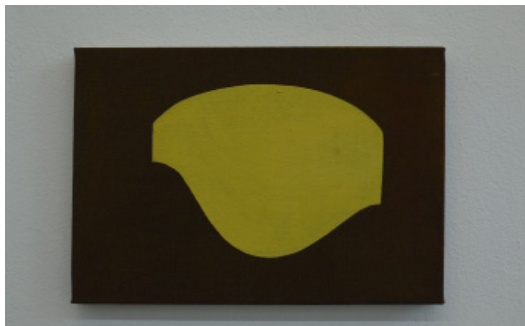
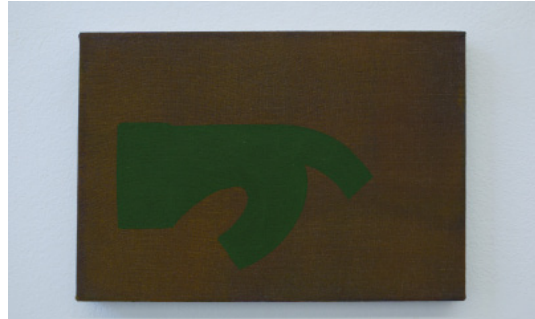
She has exhibited internationally for over three decades and her work is included in major public and private collections.



Scrap Metal Pieces I-VIII
eggtempera on canvas
each 25x35cm, 2011
Caldic Collection, The Netherlands



Scrap Metal Pieces IX-XVI
eggtempera on canvas
each 25x35cm, 2011
Caldic Collection, The Netherlands



Scrap Metal Pieces XVII-XXIV
eggtempera on canvas
each 25x35cm, 2011
Caldic Collection, The Netherlands



Scrap Metal + Big Men
eggtempera on canvas
each 61x43 cm, 2011



Scrap Metal Pieces I-IV
eggtempera on canvas
each 61x43cm, 2011



Scrap Metal Pieces V-VIII
eggtempera on canvas
each 61x43cm, 2011



Scrap Metal Pieces IX-XI
eggtempera on canvas
each 61x43cm, 2011

LIV METTE LARSEN

1952

Born in Oslo, Norway

Lives and works in Berlin and New York

1974–77

SHKS School for Arts and Crafts Oslo

1978–84

Hochschule der Künste (UDK) Berlin

1984

Masterclass student with Prof.Fussmann

Cofounder of producers gallery Wissarth, Berlin

Grant of the Senate's Cultural Affairs Department, Berlin 1992

Grant, Vederlagsfondet, Norway 1994 / 1996 / 1997 / 2006

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selection)

2011

Scrap Metal New York Paintings, Helac Fine Art, New York

360° scrap metal pieces, Galerie Kai Hilgemann, with Nadine Fecht

2010

Berliner Blau > catalogue

2008

Plaza, Galerie Kai Hilgemann, Berlin

Renaissance Walking, Galeria Fruela, Madrid

2007

Berliner Vertikale, Galerie Kai Hilgemann, Berlin > catalogue

Kunst aus Norwegen, with Per Berntsen, Schwerin, Germany

2006

Schriftportraits, Literaturhaus, Salzburg, Austria

2005

Rød, gul, blå, Asker Kunstverein, Asker, Norway with Bente Geving > catalogue

Grosse Vertikale, Galerie Kai Hilgemann, Berlin

2003

Johann-Wolfgang-Goethe Universität Frankfurt/ Main, with Tone Avenstroup

2002

Fragmentierungen, Kunstsammlung Neubrandenburg > catalogue

2001

In Residence, Kunstneres Hus, Oslo with Tone Avenstroup > catalogue

Asker, Galerie Kai Hilgemann, Berlin with Bente Geving

2000

Galerie U Kamene, Cheb, Czechia

Vestfold Kunstnersenter, Tønsberg, Norway with H.E. Wiegand > catalogue

Schriftportraits, Galerie Kai Hilgemann, Berlin > catalogue

1999

Städtische Galerie Lüdenscheid, Germany with H.E. Wiegand > catalogue

Collections & prizes

various international private & corporate collections

2012

Caldic Collection, Wassenaar, The Netherlands

2011

Collection Ana Botella, Madrid

2009

Sørlandets Kunstmuseum, Kristiansand, Norway

Norwegian Embassy, Berlin

2008

Collection Ignacio Munoz, Madrid

Collection Carolina Masaveu

2007

Asker commune, Norway

2005

Collection Ernst&Young, Frankfurt/Main, Germany

Sparebanken Møre Kunstsamling, Ålesund, Norway

2004

Collection Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau,

Frankfurt/Main, Germany

2002

Sørlandets Kunstmuseum, Kristiansand, Norway

Ostseesparkasse Rostock, Germany

1.Prize for Puzzle, Robert-Jungk-High-School, Berlin

Arts & Architecture Project

2001

Nationalgalerie, Oslo, Norway

1998

Gesellschaft für Gegenwartskunst Augsburg, Germany

1995

Marburger Kunstverein, Germany

Artothek Masserberg, Germany

Museum Lüdenscheid, Germany

1994

Norsk Kulturråd, Norway

1993

Neuer Berliner Kunstverein, Berlin

1990

Aalesund Kunstforening, Norway