

Merlin Carpenter
Solo Show II - All Power to the Factory Outlets
21.05.2013 - 30.06.2013

Temnikova & Kasela gallery
Lastekodu 1, Tallinn

Opening 21.05.2013 at 7pm

Merlin Carpenter is a **(young)** British artist working and living in London.

For his first show in Estonia, the artist will re-stage “Solo Show”, an exhibition hosted by the Miami gallery Formalist Sidewalk Poetry Club in 2010. It consisted of 37 **(36?)** large fabric paintings—pieces of fake Burberry check textile on a wooden frame—hung at crazy angles, almost on top of each, other around the walls of a large beachside white cube. *(Do you wanna mention anything specific about the Tallinn show? That it will be hung differently etc?)*

After the show closes in Tallinn, Carpenter **will drive the works in a van through various places around Eastern Europe.** ***(Aliina, we must somehow insert here that this is a Propaganda tour bringing Western luxuries to the ex-Soviet East, and a reference to Trotsky’s civil war train).*** *(—it might be good to mention that the goods arrive at the time when the East is starting to realise the implications of its own desire to become Westernised?)* The tour will feature galleries and locations in Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russia. *(Should we mention these locations?)* ***(Plus I drove an empty van from London to Porto last year!)***

Carpenter’s recent solo shows include “POLICE” at dépendance, Brussels (2013); “funky house” at Limazulu, London (2012); “TATE CAFÉ” at Reena Spaulings Fine Art, New York (2012), and Simon Lee Gallery, London (2011); “Heroes” at MD72, Berlin (2011); and a show at Overduin and Kite, Los Angeles (2011). *(I just listed some of the recent ones you’ve done, but feel free to change this list...)***(done)**