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SANTA

frosch&portmann is pleased to announce its December show „Santa“. A wild variety of Santa creations by 8 artists working in different media will gather at the gallery. Will they spread Holiday spirit? Come by, have a glass of Egnog and decide for yourself!

We asked 8 artists to paint, draw, build... a Santa or whatever they associate with the concept „Santa“.

Here is what the artists say about their creations:

Judith Braun: Dear Santa, I am only sorry I am only half bad. Sincerely, Judith.

Raffaella Chiara: The tree-surround-systems show us the space.

Seth Michael Forman: Santa: The clothes make the man...

George Jenne: My piece is about dual perspectives. Perspective A: mall Santa. Perspective B: the lap sitting kid. Their experience of each other is described through the smells that each experiences.

It seems embarrassingly awkward to push two strangers together, one very young and one very old, and ask that the innocent confide in the big man in a costume. There is something uncanny and terrifying about the whole scenario.

Julia Kuhl: These 2 drawings are from my 'Lives of Scientists' series, where I reinvent or reinterpret episodes from the lives of famous scientists. Had Schrödinger ever sent Heisenberg a Christmas gift, might it not have been a box containing a paradoxical kitten? And Rosalind Franklin receiving the Nobel Prize – a scene from one of the possible universes or a Christmas miracle?

Vicki Sher: My drawing of a man chopping down a tree questions the wisdom behind Christmas rituals and pokes fun at the fumbling efforts and elaborate preparations that go into the anticipation of Santa's arrival. My work also refers to the imperfection inherent in any day - Christmas included - and subtly suggests that even Saint Nick can't heal our human frailty.

Hooper Turner: My Santa is both a gift and a 'found object' and somewhat sweet.

Robert Yoder: Childlike, narcissistic and bloated. My Santa looks at his reflection in the frozen lake.

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