

## FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

### VIKTORS SVIKIS

#### Project Pegasus

23.10.- 16.11.2024

**Opening:** Tuesday, October 23, 7–9 PM

**The artist will be present.**

**Where:** galerie michaela stock, Praterstraße 17, 1020, Vienna, Austria

The latest exhibition by emerging Latvian painter Viktors Svikis explores the complex layers of the human psyche. Titled *Project Pegasus*, Svikis presents a series of new oil paintings that focus on internal conflicts and the search for identity.

Pegasus, a symbol of inspiration and overcoming challenges, serves as the foundation for a philosophical reflection on the dynamics of emotions, fears, and the quest for self-understanding. Svikis draws on a wide range of psychological concepts, examining how inner contradictions and the pursuit of harmony shape human existence.

The color palettes and compositions in his works are both intentional and challenging. They capture the tensions and ambiguities within each individual. Dark tones, representing the shadowy aspects of human life, are contrasted with bright, piercing colors that symbolize hope and transcendence. This dual approach to form and color creates a visual language that encourages reflection while also stirring an emotional response.

A central piece in the exhibition is a large painting of a horse with faintly sketched wings, symbolizing the dream of escape and the magic of defying gravity—a tool for freedom and flight. The barely outlined wings represent untapped potential and creative longing. Alongside this is a smaller painting that depicts a fragment of the larger work, raising questions about details versus the whole: How do these fragments influence our understanding of ourselves and the world?

Another artwork portrays a young man smoking a cigarette. The neon phrase "Sweet Memories" on a dark wall evokes nostalgia, reminiscent of the first childhood prohibitions from adults forbidding smoking—a symbol of early limitations on freedom. This piece touches on both the "bittersweet memories" of youth and the early rebellion against restrictions.

*Project Pegasus* transforms into an interactive space where memory, identity, and inner struggles take center stage. Here, art becomes a medium for engagement, challenging not only perception but also the search for a deeper understanding of the self.

### **Event Details**

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## **PRESS IMAGES / TEXT**

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Courtesy: Viktors Svikiš / gallery michaela stock

### **Image 1:**

*can` t repeat, 2024*

Oil on canvas, stretcher frame, 80 x 90 cm

### **Image 2:**

*projekt pegasus, 2024*

Oil on canvas, stretcher frame, 200 x 170 cm

### **Image 3:**

*backup, 2024*

Oil on canvas, stretcher frame, 140 x 130 cm

### **Image 4:**

*seven miles away, 2021*

Oil on canvas, stretcher frame, 130 x 170 cm

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