

# GALERIE ANDREA CARATSCH

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### GEORGE CONDO

New Works

June 10 – July 27, 2007

George Condo inaugurates the new Andrea Caratsch Gallery with a show of 18 paintings and 6 drawings based on the imaginary character he calls "Rodrigo". In this exhibition Condo has juxtaposed monumental female nudes and figures seated in modern furniture. The question is: "are these nudes in the imagination of an actual man named Rodrigo, who appears to be a valet with a red waist coat, or is the image of Rodrigo conjured up in the mind of the dreaming women in their fantasy of an erotic exploit?" The paintings fluctuate in and out of reality as they depict the permutations of a dream in the mind of an imaginary being. They also reflect the ego and alter egos of everyday people like The Banker, The Irishman, The Bartender or The Schoolteacher.

The artist fuses real life figures and cartoon forms into a state of portraiture where each of these figures simultaneously reflect a plethora of emotions and gestures, such as, wonder, chaos, deceit, a scream and a laugh within a single expression.

The artist emerged in the 80's right in the centre of the vibrant and innovative art scene of New York. Since then George Condo has been extensively involved with the investigation and challenging nature of portraiture. He introduced the language of the Old Masters into Contemporary Art and has influenced a younger generation with his artistic philosophy and painterly style.

George Condo was born in 1957 in Concord, New Hampshire. He has exhibited extensively in both United States and in Europe including exhibitions at The Whitney Museum, New York, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, Contemporary Art Museum, Houston, The Guggenheim, New York, Albright Knox Museum, Buffalo, Fonds National d'Art Contemporain, Paris, Museu d'Art Contemporani, Barcelona, The Museum of Fine Art, Houston, the Kunsthalle Bielefeld in Germany and most recently at the Wrong Gallery at the Tate Modern, London.

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Opening hours: Mo – Fri 10.00 – 18.00, Sat 10.00 – 16.00