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NATURE AS SEEN BY OLAF BREUNING

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Olaf Breuning is an intense artist, often ironic, sometimes provocative, but always rooted in the times in which he lives. His art, whether painting, video or sculpture, is a sort of indicator of the present, with an eye towards the future. Born in Switzerland in 1970, he moved to New York where he still lives and works today. In this exhibition, *Brainwashed By Nature*, his third monographic exhibition at the Carbon 12 Gallery of Dubai, Breuning takes on very urgent issues, such as those regarding the environment, climate change and global warming - a series of acrylic-on-canvas paintings created by the artist using the technique of xylography. In order to speak about nature, he wanted to use elements from nature, gathering wood from tree trunks himself, establishing both a strong physical and emotional connection with his works. His large compositions "are about possible freak behaviours of nature, occurrences that don't bode well for us." The images transmit a sense of agitation and chaos but, at the same time, leave room for redemption. His is not a catastrophist's message but, rather, an invitation to awareness and the taking of responsibility. Change is possible.