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## **DOKOUPIL – NEW FOAM PAINTINGS**

OCTOBER 26, 2013 – MARCH 7, 2014

Gallery Andrea Caratsch is pleased to present a new series of *Foam Paintings* by Czech artist Dokoupil, from October 26, 2013 to March 7, 2014.

Defying any stylistic signature, these works are representative of the artist's ongoing quest for a sincerely contemporary practice of painting. Dokoupil started developing his *soap bubble* - and *foam* technique in the early 1990's. Whereas in previous series the differentiation between the two techniques is blurred, the present cycle demonstrates a radical distinction. A conceptual Impressionist and inspired by the *foam bubble – theory* of Sloterdijk, which analyses the construction principles of the human existence, Dokoupil applies foam onto the canvas in a laborious and repetitive procedure. The characteristic of his method is reflected in these paintings, which seem to weightlessly float on the gallery walls. Their impressive size and vibrating luminosity exerts an almost mystic magnetism on the viewer.

Born 1954 in Krnov (former Czechoslovakia), Dokoupil and his family came to Germany over Austria in 1968. He studied art in Cologne, Frankfurt and at Cooper Union in New York. Dokoupil lives and works in Berlin, Madrid, Prague and Rio de Janeiro. His conceptual oeuvre comprises dozens of series, devised techniques and iconographies.

The gallery is open from Monday to Friday, from 10 am to 6 pm