

Feeding Time

new paintings by
Sabrina Shah
Chloe Le Tissier

**Private View: Thursday 5th
April 2018, 6-9pm**

Open Fri - Sun
11am-6pm
or by appointment

Exhibition continues until
15th April



Cheers, oil on canvas by Sabrina Shah

How lucky painters are.

How indulgent.

How many adults think wistfully of their childhood; long for those endless, aimless days; dream of messing about in the dirt, making up nonsense, imagining themselves as creatures and characters in their own strange fictions, turning a cardboard box into a canoe, a time-machine, a stage set, talking to animals, dressing up, making mud pies and scrawling on walls, smearing and stroking and tasting and poking, all on a whim.

Where in the mean spirited world of the 'grown-up' is one allowed to continue this childish behaviour?

How wise painters are.

"Play is the highest form of research"

~ Albert Einstein

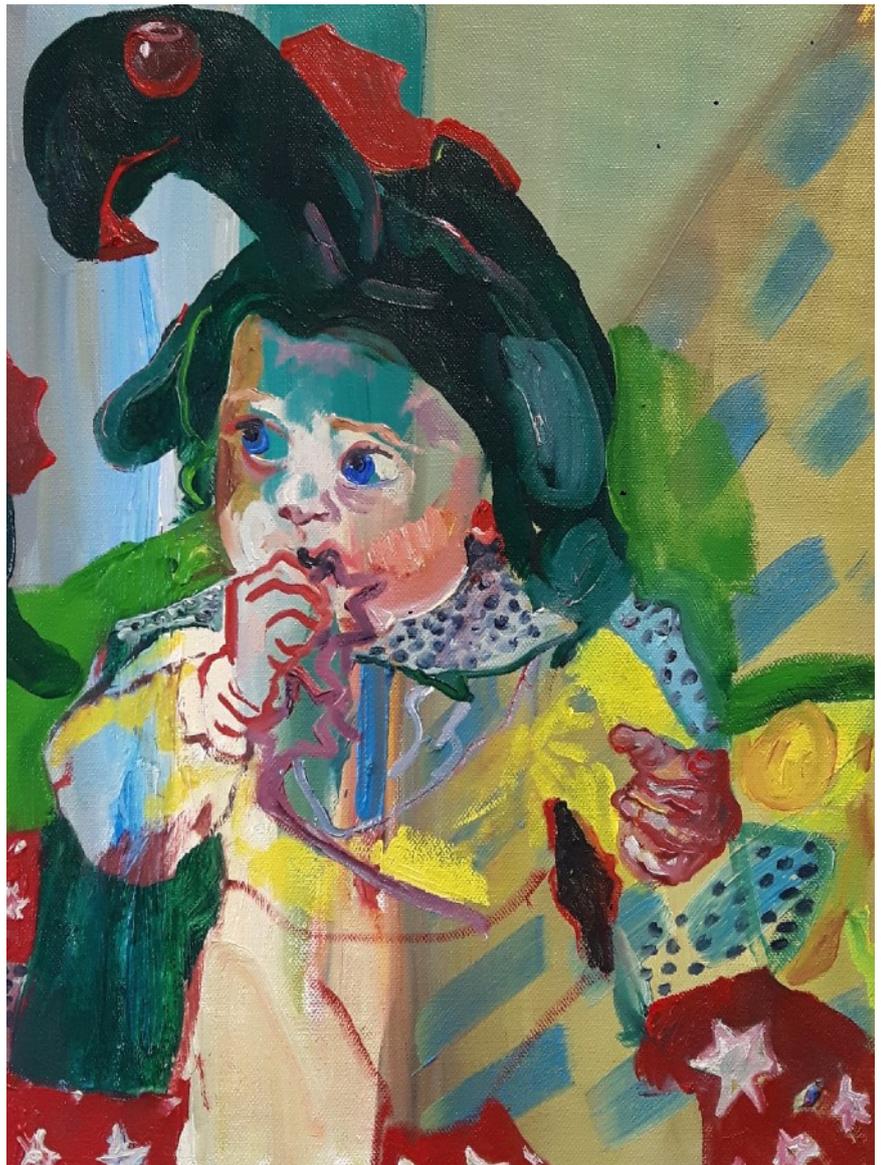
When looking at Sabrina's works, we are introduced to a cast of anthropomorphic creatures who look back, impassively, without confrontation or embarrassment. They are like characters from childhood games abandoned years ago, and seem to say: "where have you been?". It is almost an accusation, or a judgement of the imaginative poverty of our adult lives, and yet, they call to us: "come back" they say, "embrace us", and for a moment, we feel a familiar but forgotten warmth, the stirring of our inner child.

Chloe's works explicitly celebrate the role of play in the development of one's imagination, depicting scenes of children's dressing up games and crafted creations that are surprising and joyous. There is a wonderful lack of self-consciousness in the children's approach; one that does not distinguish between the real and imagined, and does not hold any standard of beauty above strange and expressive ugliness. Chloe echoes these qualities in her paintings, inviting the viewer to question their own 'grown-up' habits.

Dinosaur on head and eating purple star-shaped sunglasses

oil on canvas,
30x40cm

Chloe Le Tissier



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