

ART REVIEW'S TOP EMERGING ARTISTS



Fabien Verschaere

Born Vincennes, 1975. Lives in Paris. Represented by Galerie Michel Rein, Paris

Entering 'Kidding Park', Verschaere's solo show at Galerie Michel Rein earlier this year, was to step into the artist's bizarre, hallucinatory universe. Sculptures, installations and paintings covered the walls with childlike illustrations and primary colours. On closer inspection, the dreamy clowns, animals and stars morphed into skulls, demons and erotic encounters. Desoite formal training at the Ecole des Beaux Arts, Verschaere takes a democratic approach, using watercolours, felt-tip pens and other materials that heighten the contrast between his lighthearted artistic execution and grotesque subject matter. His inclusion in the Prague Biennale and shows in Brooklyn, Dublin, Hong Kong, and Kinshasa has sparked worldwide interest.