



Staš Kleindienst: Insomnia

12 May–10 June 2023

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We are pleased to invite you to the opening of **Staš Kleindienst's** exhibition entitled **Insomnia**, which will take place on **Friday, May 12 2023, at 7 p.m. in artKIT.**

Staš Kleindienst, this year's winner of the Rihard Jakopič Award, understands the process of painting as a non-verbal attempt to comprehend the world, somewhere between thinking and feeling, and explores how to represent the ineffable. In this exhibition, Kleindienst presents a selection of his recent works, most of which are in small format that dictates a condensation of what is represented. These predominantly evening and night scenes deepen the sense of unease that arises when viewing the scenes that the artist draws from his environment, political and social conditions, the collective unconscious, man's rampant exploitation of nature, and the dissolution of social and moral values, but at the same time demonstrate the artist's virtuosity, both in his exploration of the medium of painting and in his understanding of the painterly tradition. In his landscapes, in which the atmosphere takes the main role, Kleindienst thus reflects the delusion and the madness of contemporary society and, trusting in the speculative potential of his or her imagination, leaves room for the viewer's own interpretation.

< Staš Kleindienst, *Glasnik noči*, 2023, olje na platnu.

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Opening hours: Monday–Friday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.



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