

Lot 10

Ida Ekblad, *IDLE HANDS SHALL BE SOUGHT 1*, 2024



Oil on paper, in artist's frame

Original

Signed by the artist

Size framed: 67 x 53 x 3.8 cm

Estimate: £10,000 - £16,000

Ida Ekblad (b. 1980, Oslo) is one of the most compelling artists working today. Based in Oslo, Norway, her work spans multiple mediums, often blurring the lines between painting and sculpture. Ekblad's work is characterised by her recycling of materials and visual motifs, drawn from a wide range of references from contemporary pop culture to folklore and Expressionist painting. She creates richly layered, textured oils on linen that pulse with energy and colour, then transforms these paintings into monumental sculptures in metal and glass.

In November 2026, The Hepworth Wakefield will present the first major solo exhibition in the UK by Ekblad. It will feature new commissions alongside recently created works and will go on to tour to Kunsten, Museum of Modern Art Aalborg in 2027.

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