

P R E S S R E L E A S E

ANDERS ROMARE

The Secret

March 15 – April 26th, 2018

Opening Thursday March 15th, 5–7 pm

Galleri Charlotte Lund is delighted to present its second solo exhibition with Swedish artist Anders Romare – *The Secret*. In *The Secret*, the artist showcases new paintings in watercolour and pencil on gessoed canvases.

The colours in Romare's most recent works are dense and rich, and in sharp contrast to the glimpses of white that shows through in patches. The artist disregards the traditionally transparent technique of watercolour. He freely re-creates various originals in the form of family photographs, unrelated both to himself and contemporary times. The motifs are figurative and often convey people in groups in everyday settings and situations; people sitting on a beach, on a rock in the mountains or on their way home from work.

The photographs from which Romare's paintings originate, are selected on the basis of preferences in light and mood. During the artist's creative process, these motifs are then re-worked - contrasts are heightened, details are excluded and colour applied and inverted. After a while, the paintings come to life; a bright sky might have been transformed to dark night, shadows have been enhanced and the expression is completely different from that of the original starting point. For the very first time, Romare also incorporates abstract features in his works, where the artist has partially replaced photorealism with decorative patterns.

Anders Romare (b.1972, Stockholm) studied at the Royal Institute of Art in Stockholm, where he also resides and works. His works have previously been shown in solo exhibitions at Angelika Knäpper Gallery in Stockholm and Galleri Thomas Wallner in Malmö, to name a few. Romare has received a studio grant on the island of Capri, as well as the Swedish Arts Grants Committee's assistant grant in Berlin. His works are represented in many private and public collections, e.g. in the county council collections of Stockholm, Luleå and Uppsala.

During the exhibition the gallery will host an artist talk with Anders Romare and an invited guest.

