Art Production Fund is pleased to present Maria Gimenez’s LISSI and the RABBIT, Amplitude 14/8, an exhibition curated by Karline Moeller.

“Amplitude is the magnitude of change in the oscillating variable with each oscillation within an oscillating system. For example, sound waves in air are oscillations in atmospheric pressure and their amplitudes are proportional to the change in pressure during one oscillation. If a variable undergoes regular oscillations, and a graph of the system is drawn with the oscillating variable as the vertical axis, and time as the horizontal axis, the amplitude is visually represented by the vertical distance between the extreme of the curve… In this specific case I chose amplitude 14/8.” – Maria Gimenez

Maria Gimenez is somewhat of a gypsy. Leaving high school before formally finishing, Gimenez pursued her interest in the arts: she was active in theatre, film and music, until finally acknowledging that her greatest passion lay in painting, or as she suggests “echte malerei,” (real painting). During the early aughts, Gimenez fell in love with New York City, and for three years she would divide her time between the Bowery and Berlin. Lissi and the Rabbit: Amplitude 14/8 will be the first solo exhibition of Gimenez’s in the United States.

Gimenez’s painterly technique and thematic subjects are her own views and ideas that she develops and cultivates independently, unhindered by contemporary schools, idols, programs, fashion, and theories. Her images have a marked propensity for the perverse and she manages to seduce the viewer directly into her work. Gimenez’s imagery is intuitive, not conceptual, and unveils her art and inspirations: the images she paints often rise out of her subconscious and then follow an autonomous artistic fantasy.

Swift decisions lie in Gimenez’s work. Her painterly gesture and her understanding of the volatile dialogue between brush and paint are easily and readily translated onto the canvas through her composition and form. On first consideration, her paintings evoke a rough and expressive tenor and although the titles of Gimenez’s work pare lighthearted and even comical, the work itself is not.

Maria Gimenez was born in Germany in 1981. She currently lives and works in Berlin and Mülheim.

Karline Moeller received her degrees from Franklin College Switzerland and the New School in New York. Karline is an independent curator and co-owned Moeller Snow Gallery until the gallery closed in March 2009. Before opening the gallery in New York, Karline worked in the Contemporary Art department at Sotheby’s. She also worked alongside Tim Nye at Nye-Hall Gallery in New York for two years. Recently, Karline has become a freelance curator for galleries as well as finding alternative exhibition spaces to showcase art in different formats. In the past year Karline has co-curated a group exhibition at Marlborough Gallery Chelsea as well as a solo show at Ramis Barquet Gallery. Karline continues to work with and represent artists that she has exhibited in the past few years and collaborates with various other curators and galleries.

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