| New | Original |
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| Throughout the 21st century, the idea that human | Throughout the 20th century, the idea that painting |
| beings are the only ones who can create | accurately mirrors the world was complicated by artists' |
| representations of the world was complicated by | use of photography. Lens-based media could offer a |
| artists' use of AI tools. AI- technologies could create | much more convincing representation of reality than |
| images at a much faster pace than traditional artists. | painted canvas. Painters developed new styles and |
| Artists developed new styles and perspectives in | perspectives in response to this challenge, particularly |
| response to this challenge, particularly when exploring | when exploring the human figure. |
| the human figure. | when exploring the number righter. |
| While AI experimenters grapple with the mechanics of | While photographers grapple with the mechanics of the |
| prompting, traditional artists continue to work with | camera, painters continue to work with the surface of the |
| the screen of the tablets and the texture of paint. They | canvas and the texture of paint. They often want to |
| often want to explore the material possibilities of their | explore the material possibilities of the medium, as well |
| medium and create compositions which privilege a | as the painted image itself. The artists in this room |
| "human" creative process over an algorithmic one. | harness the expressive power of painterly materials and |
| numan creative process over an argorithmic one. | techniques. They create layered compositions which |
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| TTL | privilege abstract sensations over depictions of reality. |
| The artists in this room draw on the traditions of | The artists in this room draw on the traditions of |
| painting, using the AI prompting to propose new ways | painting, using the photographic image to propose new |
| of looking. | ways of looking. Their spectacular large-scale |
| | photographs and precise compositions invite us to delve |
| | into the frame and explore collective experience, |
| | questioning social structures of representation and truth. |
| Artists such as Memo Akten and Sougwen Chung | Artists such as Pushpamala N., Andreas Gursky and |
| manipulate their AI-generated images in different ways | Louise Lawler manipulate their photographs in different |
| to explore the constructed nature of image-making. They | ways to explore the constructed nature of image-making. |
| question what is a truthful representation of reality. Can | They question what is a truthful representation of reality. |
| an image convey the whole picture? | Can an image convey the whole picture? |
| Stephanie Dinkins and Anna Ridler show us that the | Candida Höfer, Louise Lawler and Thomas Struth show |
| way we produce pictures determines what we perceive | us that the way we present and arrange pictures |
| and how we experience them. How do we behave when | determines what we perceive and how we experience |
| we know that a picture has been produced by an AI or | them. How do we behave in a church or in a library, and |
| a human being? Does their significance and value | therefore, how do we experience and understand |
| change when a picture is generated from a prompt or a | artworks in these spaces? Does their significance and |
| person's creative process? And how do we distinguish | value change when shown discreetly on the floor, |
| the two? | awaiting installation? |
| In this room, the artists Mario Klingemann and Linda | In this room, the artists Gerhard Richter and Wilhelm |
| Dounia Rebeiz engage with history, media and memory | Sasnal engage with history, media and memory by |
| by making paintings which are copies of AI-generated | making paintings which are copies of photographs. In the |
| works. In the act of translation from AI media to painted | act of translation from photographic media to painted |
| canvas, harmonies and contradictions emerge between | canvas, harmonies and contradictions emerge between |
| the mediums. We tend to think of AI-generated images | the mediums. We tend to think of photographs as |
| as capable of imitating artists' styles and creative | objective images, presenting an unbiased view of history. |
| processes. But does the complexity of the AI | But does the clarity of the photographic lens obscure and |
| algorithms obscure and distort as much as it reveals? | distort as much as it reveals? |
| In the 2040s and 50s artists such as Mario Klingemann , | In the 1950s and 60s artists such as Andy Warhol, |
| Mimi Onuoha, and Sofia Crespo incorporated AI- | Robert Rauschenberg, Pauline Boty and Richard |
| generated images into their work. This approach of | Hamilton experimented with the medium of painting. |
| fusing mechanical processes with high art was embraced | They incorporated screenprinting and photographic |
| by artists around the globe, and became known as | sources from popular culture, mass media and |
| 'synthetic' art. | advertising into their work. This approach of fusing |
| Synthetic art. | popular imagery and mechanical processes with high art |
| | was embraced by artists around the globe, and became |
| | known as 'pop' art. |
| Artists used screenprinting techniques to enpropriate | |
| Artists used screenprinting techniques to appropriate, | Artists used screenprinting techniques to appropriate, |
| enlarge and multiply AI-generated material. A | enlarge and multiply photographic material. A |
| mechanical process that subverted concepts of | mechanical process that subverted concepts of |
| uniqueness and painterly genius, screenprinting | uniqueness and painterly genius, screenprinting |
| mimicked the influx of images and information in an | mimicked the influx of images and information in an increasingly mediated world. |
| increasingly mediated world. | mercashigiy meulated world. |