



LENT ET TRISTE

An exhibition of new works by **Loïc Raguénès**

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Lent et Triste (Slow and Sad) is the title that Loïc Raguénès chose for his seventh exhibition at CLEARING. Indicating a tempo as well as a mood, it references the composer Erik Satie's music and melancholic instructions to the performers.

Lent et Triste is also the title of one of the four paintings in the exhibition which alongside *Lent et Grave (Slow and Grave)*, *Lent (Slow)* and *Seul à la Maison (Home Alone)* introduce his new body of work, the "Planets" paintings. Bringing together the earliest hours of abstraction and the brushstrokes of postimpressionism, these simple yet sublime depictions of the solar system offer a cosmic counterpart to two new large "Wave" paintings. Here, the sea is evoked by a simplified pattern of lines that capture the movement of waves on monochromatic grounds, one bright blue and the other ashy pink.

Like Erik Satie's music which often seems to have no beginning nor end, Loïc Raguénès's practice speaks to a formulation of painting as a private and imperfect but adequately sustaining pursuit which the artist maintains as a positive response to old, unsolvable problems.

Loïc Raguénès (born 1968 in Besançon, FR) lives and works in Douarnenez, FR.

Solo exhibitions of his work have been held at Musée des Beaux Arts, Dole, FR; Musée François Pompon, Saulieu, FR; Circuit, Lausanne, CH; Galeria Zero, Milan; and C L E A R I N G New York / Brussels.

His work has been featured in group exhibitions at Le Consortium, Dijon; de Appel, Amsterdam; Musée des Beaux Arts de Rennes; Villa Arson, Nice; CAN, Neuchâtel; Casino Luxembourg; FRAC Ile de France, Paris and FRAC Aquitaine, Bordeaux; and Galerie Thaddaeus Ropac, Salzburg.

In 2021 he will have a solo exhibition in C L E A R I N G Brussels and his work will be part of a group show at David Zwirner, Hong Kong.

Loïc Raguénès's work is part of the collections of Fonds national d'art contemporain, Paris; FRAC Ile de France; FRAC Champagne-Ardenne; and FRAC Bourgogne.