New Work: Anna Parkina
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Montage and Modern Life, 1919–1942, Fallow Land, -

been by monarchy, revolution, communism, capitalism, and oligarchy. At that are fundamentally social and political, successively marked as it has by early twentieth-century artists is the ground that needs to lie fallow.

that's what I'm trying to do, to grow up a new culture on the land is ground that must be cleared in order to be productive again; there, a performance of the same name to inaugurate the exhibition. Fallow photo-based and tissue-paper collages, as well as drawings and archival

For her first solo museum exhibition, Parkina has developed a new series of the Soviet Union. Her work effectively renders a society in flux, in which reflect upon the changes that have occurred in Moscow since the collapse

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Parkina’s visual vocabulary is an eclectic mix of media: photography, collage, and using this technique, pioneers such as Hannah Höch and El

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or “bestrangement,” in which one reality suddenly takes the

for her this montage effect is to say that, in life, we are all too often collages of ourselves, assembled from memories, experiences, sensations, and capacity. As other authors have pointed out, these signs can provide an

possibility for reinterpretation.

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the history of Russian avant-garde and the socialist realist approach in the 1950s.

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One of the focal points of this exhibition was the Pavlovo Posad shawl that she

in the elegantly simple compositions and vivid colors of the paintings, as well as in the way the collage

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a means to assemble the multiple elements into some kind of recognizable

Anna Parkina gained her first experience as a photographer when working

of Assembly Foam,

Focal Point Gallery, 2011). 4. See essays by Zdenek Felix and Dimitry Zabavin in the catalogue

It does not matter that the Soviet past dominates because for her there are the same aesthetic rules. Each element, often plastic and experimental, appears to bring the same amount of new information, and together they create scenes.

Anna Parkina has been exhibited internationally at galleries in New York, London, and Germany, and at The Art Center College of Design. Since the artist’s return to Moscow in 2006, her work has been exhibited at exhibitions in the UK: Focal Point Gallery, 2011). 4. See essays by Zdenek Felix and Dimitry Zabavin in the catalogue

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