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> **STEFAN SEHLER:**  
**NEW PAINTINGS**



EXHIBITION DATES: JANUARY 14 – FEBRUARY 13, 2005

GALLERY HOURS: FRIDAY TO MONDAY 1 TO 7 PM

OPENING RECEPTION: **FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 6-9PM**

Parker's Box is delighted to present a second solo show at the gallery by the Berlin-based painter, Stefan Sehler.

Polished and gelatinous on first impact, these new large painterly works are actually quite organic and gestural in technique as well as overriding impression. The floral motif Sehler employs in six of the seven large paintings, operates as a pictographic foil to the lingering evidence of the artist's body in each of the works. Spilling, pouring and puffing on his paint, Sehler works up deceptively decorative surfaces that embody a complex irony that has as much to do with his own relationship with American post-war art history as it does his capacity to position himself on the edge between opposing and complementary territories of contemporary German painting.

In recent years, Stefan Sehler has surpassed himself in stretching the limits of the opposing presences of representation and abstraction in his paintings. Achieving a kind of microcosm of the chaos theory within the boundaries of each painting, Sehler's tightly draughted renderings of organic forms are exploded from within by the subsequent chance encounters of paint and color. Indeed, by the latter stages of the artist's process, Sehler gives his paint complete free rein, as the artist can no longer see what he is doing. Order meets with disorder, nature with artifice, and anarchy with authority, along with all that such confrontations can suggest or evoke.

Stefan Sehler lives and works in Düsseldorf and Berlin. Recent exhibitions include: *The Morning After the Night Before*, Parker's Box (2004), *Pacific Pearl 2*, The Cross Art Projects, Biennale of Sydney Parallel (2003), *Groupshow*, Galerie Michael Cosar, Düsseldorf (2002), *One Fine Day*, 34K and Berlin (2002). Selected solo exhibitions: Galerie Kuttner Siebert, Berlin (2003), Galerie Lendl, Graz, Austria (2002), Galerie Michael Cosar, Düsseldorf (2002) and *Novalis, XJS*, Parker's Box (2001)

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