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## **XENIA HAUSNER**

November 14, 2019 – January 11, 2020

**New York, NY** – Forum Gallery, New York will present the first exhibition in the US in a decade of paintings by Austrian artist *Xenia Hausner* from November 14, 2019 to January 11, 2020. Since her introduction to American audiences in 2000, Xenia Hausner has exhibited extensively in Europe and China as well as New York and Los Angeles. The current exhibition of twelve striking new paintings precedes a solo retrospective exhibition for the Artist to be presented by The Albertina Museum in Vienna, Austria in April 2020.

In the paintings for this exhibition, Xenia Hausner explores the human condition of women today as she responds to the geopolitical issues of our time. Hausner captures the spirit and soul of her subjects as she probes their emotional and personal lives. The paintings are direct, dramatic and boldly expressive in their poignant narratives. Using striking color with confident, secure brushstroke, Hausner achieves a unique engagement in a highly personal way. With unflinching directness, she engages the viewer, drawing us in to her creative world. Her subjects confront us as they reveal themselves with open and palpable strength, often demanding that we seek out their points of inflection. To view a Xenia Hausner painting is a multi-layered experience that begins with an appreciation of the painting as a bold and colorful object and leads to a deep, ongoing engagement with the inner drama of the subjects.

Xenia Hausner portrays the emotional lives of her subjects with strength and dexterity. They are passionate about love, desire, survival and making sense of life. Xenia Hausner offers insightful views into their hopes and dreams. In her paintings we are able to see, in a singular way, some of their past, much of their present, and a glimpse of their thoughts of the future.

Xenia Hausner began her working life as a stage designer in Vienna and since 1992, has devoted all of her time to easel painting. Forum Gallery introduced her work to the United States in 2000 and subsequently presented two exhibitions in New York and one in Los Angeles. Xenia Hausner has been the subject of solo exhibitions at Kunsthaus Wien, Austria; Ludwig Museum, Koblenz, Germany; Rupertinum, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria; Käthe-Kollwitz Museum, Berlin, Germany; The Russian Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia; the Shanghai Art Museum and the Today Art Museum in China.

Hausner's paintings are included in major museum collections throughout Europe, and three monographs have been published on the Artist's work, two of which have appeared in English as well as German.

***Xenia Hausner*** opens with a reception for the artist on Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, and will be on view through Saturday, January 11, 2020.

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**Forum Gallery is located at 475 Park Avenue at 57<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10022. Please visit [www.forumgallery.com/exhibitions/xenia-hausner](http://www.forumgallery.com/exhibitions/xenia-hausner) to view the entire exhibition online. The exhibition begins on November 14, 2019 and will be on view through January 11, 2020. Forum Gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 10am to 5:30pm. A fully illustrated, 32-page color catalogue will be available from the gallery, featuring an essay by Jessa Crispin.**

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