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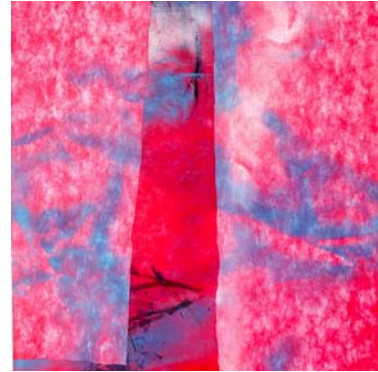
**ROLF BEHM, NICOLA RUBINSTEIN,
JENS-UWE KÖRBER, ZHAO MENGJUN**

Painting on Canvas and Paper

11 September - 31 October 2026

Opening: 10 September 2026, 7 - 10 pm

Goethestraße 2-3, 10623 Berlin, Charlottenburg



Nicola Rubinstein, Rhizom rot, 2026 (Detail)
Courtesy: The artist and Galerie Bernet Bertram

Galerie Bernet Bertram invites visitors to a group exhibition featuring works by **Rolf Behm, Nicola Rubinstein, Jens-Uwe Körber, and Zhao Mengjun**: four positions in contemporary painting and examples of today's abstract art. Color, spirit, and space unfold within a field of relationships, resonances, and transitions - both within the individual works and in the dialogue between them, between the visible and the invisible. New spaces of perception emerge, inviting a particular mode of, revealing the spectral quality of painting itself and- in reference to the French philosopher **Jacques Derrida** - the dimension of the spectral as something that appears and oscillates between presence and absence.

Rolf Behm, born 1952, studied at the Karlsruhe Academy of Fine Arts under Markus Lüpertz, among others. He received a DAAD scholarship in London in 1977/78 and a Villa Romana scholarship in Florence in 1984/85. In 2019, he participated in the International Residency of Arts Further On Air in Long Island, USA. His work is represented in numerous collections, including the Würth Collection, Ernst & Young in Essen, and the Kunsthalle Mannheim. Rolf Behm lives and works in Berlin and Rio de Janeiro.

Nicola Rubinstein, born 1975, studied at the Burg Giebichenstein University of Art and Design in Halle. Since the late 1990s, her work has been featured in solo and group exhibitions, including in Berlin, New York, Hainan (China), and Tel Aviv. In 1995, she undertook a residency at Villa Serpentara in Italy. In 1997, she received a working grant from the Stiftung Kulturfonds (Cultural Fund Foundation), and in 2008, a travel grant from the Ford Foundation for Alexandria, Egypt. She participated in an artist residency in the Dominican Republic in 2022 and in Caraiva (Brazil) in 2023 and 2024. She lives and works in Berlin.

Jens-Uwe Körber, born 1963, has worked as a freelance painter and graphic artist since 1991. Many of his works are held in public and private collections. His first solo exhibition will take place at the Bernet Bertram Gallery in June 2026. Jens-Uwe Körber lives and works in Berlin and in the Havelland region.

Zhao Mengjun, born in 1961 in Xixia (PR China), studied at the Shandong College of Arts and the Institute of Art and Design at Tsinghua University in Beijing. For over 28 years, he worked as an art publisher and art director for the Shandong Media Group in Jinan. His works have been and continue to be shown in numerous solo and group exhibitions, at the National Gallery of China in Beijing, in Seoul, Jinan, and Shanghai. Zhao Mengjun has also lived and worked in Germany for the past eight years.

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