



TAL R (b. 1967)

Grim Kalding Fra Finland

Signed in paint verso "Tal R"

acrylic, ink and paper collage on canvas

67 3/4 x 55 in.

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PROVENANCE:

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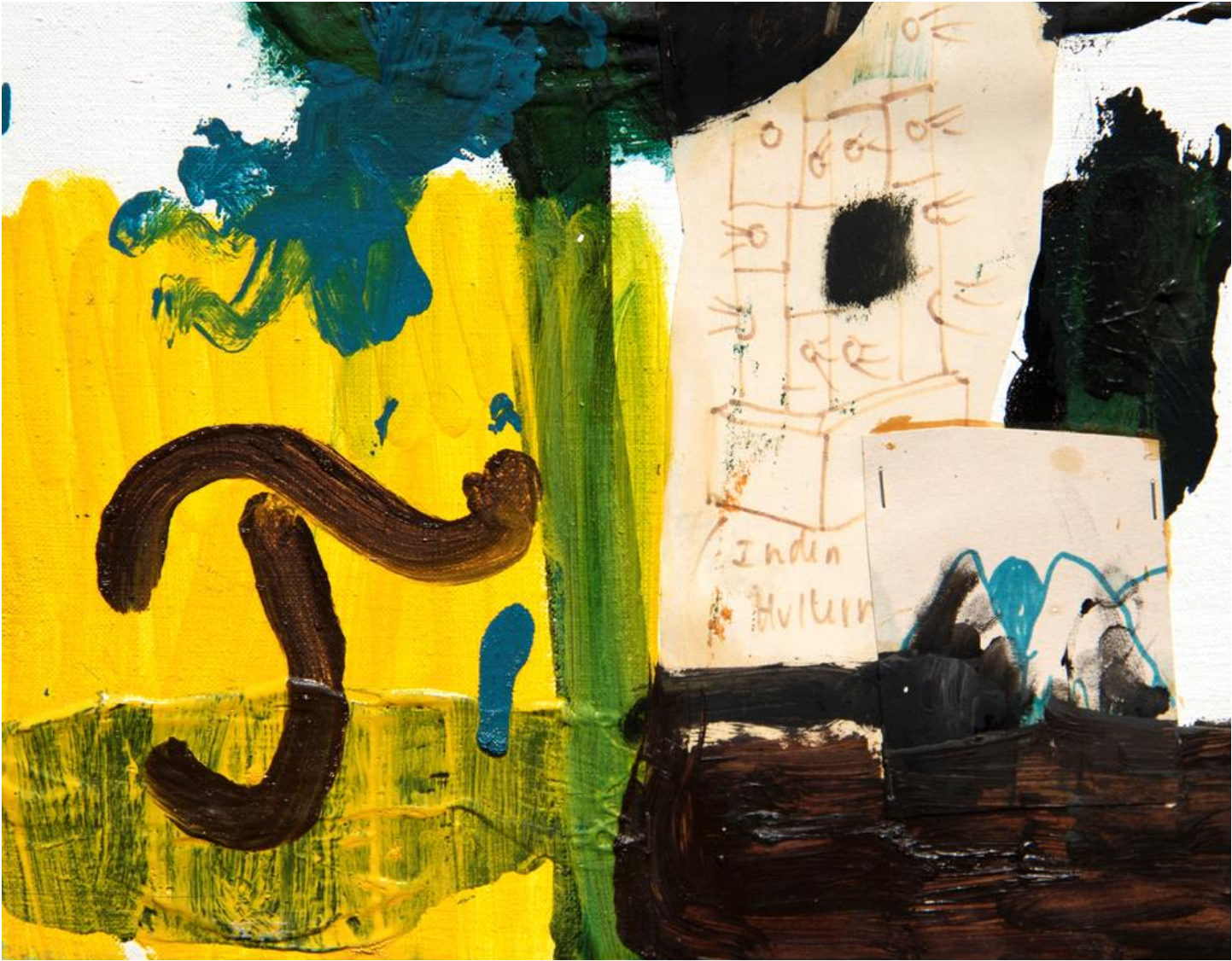
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Tal R was born in Tel Aviv in 1967 to a Danish mother and a Czechoslovakian Jewish father. Raised in Denmark, he was an artist from a young age. According to the artist "drawing was the same as dreaming at night: you don't decide what to dream about, you dream about what you need." As a young adult, he attended the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Art and afterward began to exhibit widely and establish himself as a contemporary artist.

Tal R's work culls imagery from a diversity of sources, including collage, sculpture, installation, and painting. He cites the Yiddish work kolbojnik, roughly translated as "leftovers," to describe this process of finding inspiration. Using this array of inspirational imagery, Tal R creates colorful paintings and sculptures that are at once playful and sinister, colorful and full of shadow. While his subject matter is representational and easy to describe, the mood and meaning of his works are often enigmatic. Elements of Fauvism, Symbolism, German Expressionism, and Outsider Art are all at play in his art.

Tal R's recent solo exhibitions include shows at the ARoS Aarhus Kunstmuseum, Aarhus, Denmark (2013 - 2014); Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich (2013); Galerie im Taxispalais, Innsbruck, Austria, travelling to Kunsthalle Düsseldorf (both 2013); Museu Brasileiro da Escultura, São Paulo (2012); Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf (2012); Kunstverein Augsburg-Holbeinhaus, Augsburg, Germany (2011); Der Kunstverein, Hamburg (2011); Magasin III Museum & Foundation for Contemporary Art, Stockholm (2009); Kunsthalle Tübingen, Tübingen (2009); Bonnefanten Museum, Maastricht (2008); Camden Arts Centre, London (2008); Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Denmark (2007); and Kunsthalle Mannheim (2007). Tal held a Guest Professorship at Kunstakademie Düsseldorf from 2005 - 2014.

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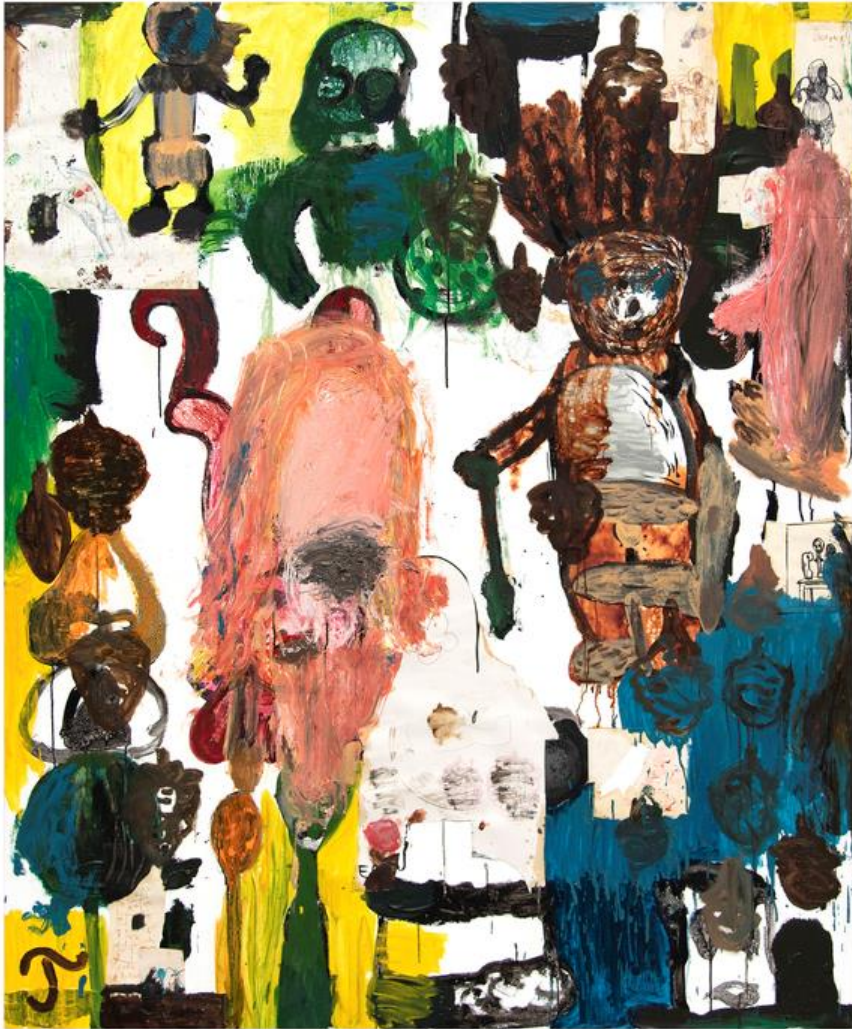












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