

Charlie Stein

Almost Human

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Sofia Sominski announces *Almost Human*, the first New York solo exhibition by Berlin-based artist Charlie Stein, whose work negotiates the fragile border between embodied presence and technological illusion.

Stein's practice reflects an ongoing fascination with figures that are neither fully human nor fully artificial – entities suspended in psychological and material ambiguity. The exhibition gathers new paintings and sculptural works that examine humanity's long-standing desire to animate the inanimate, from mythic metal bodies to today's algorithmic doubles.

Stein approaches this lineage with a distinctly contemporary urgency. Her figures, rendered with a tactile softness that collides with digital luminosity, appear as beings in transition—charged not by narrative, but by the relational electricity between artwork and viewer.

Charlie Stein is a multidisciplinary artist, writer, and cultural theorist. Her practice operates at the intersection of contemporary art, technology, and critical theory. She engages with themes such as embodiment, intimacy, digital surrealism, and digital aesthetics, working across painting, installation, text, and AI-supported collaborations. With a background in sociology and fine arts, Stein explores transitions between physical and virtual space, between craft and machine, and between the individual and systemic structures.

Stein has participated in both international and national exhibitions, including Manifesta 11, Kunsthalle CCA Andratx, and the Sculpture Triennial in Bingen, as well as exhibitions in museums across Europe and Asia. Her work has also been included in the ISCP x Almine Rech benefit auction. She is a Fellow of the ISCP program in New York and has held teaching appointments and guest professorships at institutions such as CalArts (Paul Brach Visiting Scholar), Pratt Institute, the Berlin University of the Arts (UdK), and in Hamburg, where she temporarily led Jorinde Voigt's class at HfBK. Charlie Stein lives and works in Berlin.