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## Jane Garbert, Sophia Muriel

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Paint Shop Berlin

The Paint Shop Berlin is pleased to present SHELTER//SHIELD, a joint exhibition by artists Jane Garbert and Sophia Muriel. Positioned between protection and confrontation, retreat and visibility, the exhibition explores the fragile relationship between vulnerability and resistance – from a distinctly female perspective.

Garbert and Muriel share a keen sensitivity for the significance of seemingly incidental elements: everyday materials, used objects, makeshift structures, or traces of textiles become carriers of poetic as well as political meaning. In their sculptural, installative, and pictorial works, both artists employ a visual language that takes transience seriously – without idealizing it. Here, protection is not understood as withdrawal, but as an active gesture of assertion and visibility.

At the heart of the exhibition lies an aesthetic of ambivalence, reflected in both the choice of materials and the open, often permeable formal language. Soft and hard, transparent and opaque, bodily and absent elements meet on equal footing. The resulting spaces do not conceal vulnerability, but rather make it visible – as a resistant quality.

The exhibition addresses experiences that are often overlooked or marginalized – intimacy, care, shame, memory – and raises questions of self-assertion, identity, and collective perception. Garbert and Muriel do not create closed narratives; instead, they open up spaces of possibility where viewers are invited to locate themselves.

Located in the heart of Berlin-Kreuzberg, the Paint Shop is a young gallery with a distinctive, window-front architecture that provides a unique setting for this engagement with visibility, boundaries, and permeability. SHELTER//SHIELD, as a collaborative project between two artistic positions, integrates seamlessly into the Paint Shop's program, which explores current questions of contemporary art at the intersection of space, material, and society.