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### **Dirty, Pretty Paintings**

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24 year-old artist Kate Marshall will be exhibiting selected works in her first London solo show "Dirty Pretty Paintings" at The Empire Gallery, 32 A Vyner Street, London EC2 9DG from 20 – 26 June 2007. There is a private view and live painting performance on Thursday 21 June 1800 - 2100. Gallery opening times are 1100 – 1800 daily. Tube - Bethnal Green, rail - Cambridge Heath, bus - 26, 48, 55, 106, 254, 309, 388, 394

Favouring acrylic and charcoal on board, Kate's primarily figurative work "flirts between painting and drawing". Her self-consciously decorative pieces address the ironies and contradictions of "high" and "low" art and depictions of the sexualized female image in popular culture, in particular the fetishization of the twee and the increasing kitsch value of pornography. Her inspiration comes from images of women "culled from a glossy magazine, a fairy tale, historic art and literature, trash culture, ancient myth and coffee table erotica." The evening of Thursday 21 June will be interspersed with live art performances in a peepshow style 'exhibitionism' booth.

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Born in the UK in 1982, Kate Marshall lives and works in Devon. After completing a foundation course in Art and Design at Falmouth College she graduated from Goldsmiths in 2004 with a BA in Fine Art and Art History. In 2006 she was selected for the Noise Festival, a national showcase for emerging creative talent judged by Stella Vine and her live painting at the Liverpool Biennial was featured on BBC2. Other exhibitions have included London, Exeter, Heidelberg and Milan with Mexico City and Florence to look forward to in 2007.

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