



Mia Wilkinson : Plus Size

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Private View Tuesday 29th March 6-9pm



Espacio Gallery
159 Bethnal Green Road
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Espacio Gallery are pleased to present a Solo Exhibition of paintings by Mia Wilkinson, including new works.

Mia Wilkinson is a London based artist, whose oil paintings are visceral explorations of certain sexualised female forms. The sensual indulgence with which she approaches the paint is reflective of her subject; female body builders and squashers wrestle on the canvas in an orgy of drips and loaded excess paint. The humorous and light hearted intention with which she approaches her work is not lost, as complex issues of sex and gender are confronted by her brush.

'Accidental properties created by applying wet on wet, prove just as important to my work; dripping from the nipples and nails and mouth and feet, that go in and out of the women

enable a feeling of sensuality sprinkled with disgust'.

Handling the paint in a fast paced vigour, Wilkinson's paintings have found their own loopy language in which it describes the figures with intense immediacy, whilst still embracing the particularities of the female flesh. Exuding a confidence within the paint she plays with the sculptural solidity of their bodies against flat backgrounds, referencing the images of which she originally collated to use as a source material. The work is unapologetic, and intense, yet doesn't become the expected angst ridden expressionism, rather comedic as the figures are increasingly morphing out of themselves and are hilariously exposed as bizarre avatars. Confined within unsettling narratives and displaying an obvious absurd

aggression and transgression, provides a powerful yet witty statement about the way identity is performed within a media culture.

Mia Wilkinson studied Fine Art Painting at Wimbledon College of Art.

Group Exhibitions:
Transitional Darlington Arts Centre Darlington 2010, Art@51 51 Grange Road Durham 2011, Open Seen Darlington 2011, Notting Hill Mayfest London 2012, Observing Observed Wimbledon Project Space, London 2012, Risus Pirus Wimbledon Project Space London 2013, Flesh Espacio 2014, Seams 402 Gallery London 2014, Y Not Sweet Art & Espacio 2015, From Dada to Fluxus Espacio 2015, Outskirts Sweet Art & Espacio 2015.

