

PRESS RELEASE

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## ANASTASIA POLLARD: PAINTING WOMEN

### Timeless portraits of contemporary figures

Exhibition dates: 19 November– 23 December 2009

Opening Hours Tues-Fri 1-6, Sat 1-5

Mumford Fine Art presents a new body of intimate oil paintings and drawings depicting women by Anastasia Pollard RP, **winner of *The Ondaatje Prize Portraiture at The Royal Society of Portrait Painters in 2009.***

#### Brian Sewell writes in his *BP Portrait Award 2007* review:

*"A few unambitious paintings are modest in their honesty... self-portraits by Jaemi Hardy, Ingolf Helland, Jill Hooper, Jason Walker and Paula Wilson... and portraits of friends by Rupert Alexander and Anastasia Pollard, too, seem very able. It is among these that I would have found at least two winners of the prizes..."* (How ugly can the faces get? Brian Sewell, Evening Standard 25.06.07)

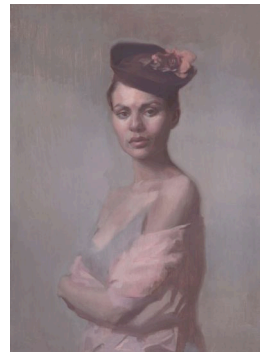
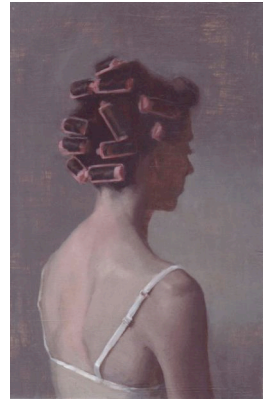
Pollard's work has been exhibited extensively in the UK and USA:

- Selected three times for the *BP Portrait Award* exhibitions at the NPG;
- Shown in annual exhibitions at the Royal Society of Portrait Painters;
- Solo exhibition in 2008 at Mumford Fine Art in Soho and several group shows (2007, 2008, 2009);
- Exhibitions in Cork Street at established galleries;
- Presented at art fairs in the UK and USA.

***Painting Women* is Mumford Fine Art's annual exhibition to benefit a charitable cause;** one painting, *Sweetheart (Natasha)* (2008) (see picture bottom right), will be on display as others, however it will not be available for acquisition. It will be included in Ovarian Cancer Action's online auction, appropriately titled LOVE ART™. Ovarian Cancer Action is committed to improving survival for women with ovarian cancer through Research, Awareness and Giving A Voice. The organisation is a member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (registered charity no. 1109743) – a membership organisation of the leading medical health and research charities in the UK. Contact the gallery to find out more about this collaboration.

#### About the artist:

- Pollard studied at Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, USA, from 1996-2000. She then studied at Florence Academy of Art, Florence, Italy, from 2000-2005;
- Moved to London, England, in 2005. Elected an RP (Member of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters);
- A Founder of the London Atelier for Representational Art (LARA) in 2008;
- Currently on the Council for the Royal Society of Portrait Painters 2009.



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