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Silent Auction!



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# Dawn Mellor

Isabelle Huppert, 2010

ESTIMATE

£6,000 – £8,000

SIZE

122 × 92 cm

MATERIAL

Oil and marker pen on canvas

For the past ten years, **DAWN MELLOR** has been painting portraits of celebrities, consciously misrepresenting, sexualising and violating imagery culled from photographic portraits, gossip magazines, film stills and the internet. Deconstructing the cult of celebrity by means of black humour, Mellor's violations of her subjects fabricate a specific relationship between icon and fan, with the artist knowingly occupying the role of an obsessed fan or unhinged stalker. In doing so, she implicates the viewer in acts of imaginative sadistic cruelty, satire and empathy, which could be seen as communicating something about the use of both individuals and groups as scapegoats onto which unwanted fears and anxieties are projected.

Represented by Team Gallery, New York and Galerie Gabriel Rolt, Amsterdam

- 1970 Born in Manchester  
Lives and works in London
- 1992 BA, Central St. Martin's College, London
- 1996 MA, Royal College of Art, London

#### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2011 Team Gallery, New York, NY, (solo) · *Hyseria, Laughter and a Sense of Seriousness Karma International*, Galerie Gregor Staiger, Zurich, Switzerland · *Light - Part 1*, Paradise Row, London
- 2010 Galerie Gabriel Rolt, Amsterdam (solo)
- 2009 Frieze Art Fair, London (with Team Gallery) · *When I was a teenage bore*, Galerie Micky Schubert, Berlin (solo) · *25th Anniversary Show*, Transmission Gallery, Glasgow · *Borderline Pleasure*, Galerie Michael Janssen, Berlin · *In Praise of Shadows*, Galerie Gabriel Rolt, Amsterdam