

Vanity Fair: Select Works

KARLA MARCHESI

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Jan Manton Gallery is excited to announce recently represented artist Karla Marchesi in her latest exhibition *Vanity Fair: Select Works*. The show is a curated selection of past works made in Berlin, and will act as a reintroduction of Marchesi's practice to Brisbane audiences. Works included showcase cascading florals emerging from shadowy, chiaroscuro backgrounds, punctuated by contemporary pictorial devices. With her quintessentially bold colours and dynamic compositions Marchesi elicits sentiments of the Baroque, yet cunningly employs her lavish subject matter as a foil to question socio-cultural conditions and ideological systems affecting our age.

Brisbane-born and Berlin based, Marchesi has Bachelor of Fine Art (2004) and Honours in Fine Art (2007) degrees from the Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, where she received the University Medal for academic excellence and the Honours Thesis Prize. Marchesi received the Philip Bacon Galleries Prize for Excellence in Drawing in 2003, enabling her to study for a semester at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, US.

Marchesi has held solo exhibitions in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney, and internationally in Singapore, Luxembourg and Germany. In 2012 she undertook a studio residency at Atelierhaus Mengerzeile, Berlin that preceded her first international solo exhibition at Kunsthalle M3, Berlin. Marchesi is a recipient of the 1st Prize in the Redland Art Awards (2010), the Wilson Visual Arts Award (2012) and an Australia Council for the Arts Early Career New Work Grant (2013). Her work is included in a number of public collections including the Museum of Brisbane, Queensland University of Technology, the University of Queensland Art Museum, the Australian Catholic University and several regional galleries.



Left Page: Karla Marchesi. Photo courtey of the artist. Right Page: Moral Panic, 2018, 130×100 cm, oil on linen.



 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textit{Vanity Fair} \\ & 2016 \\ \end{tabular}$ Oil on canvas, 160.2 x 110.2 cm

\$5,900





The Sense of an Ending 2017 Oil and enamel on canvas, 160 x 110 cm

Gold Standard 2016 Oil on canvas, 145 x 135 cm

\$5,900 \$5,900





Moral Panic 2018 Oil on linen, 130 x 100 cm $\begin{tabular}{ll} \it Eclipse \\ \it 2017 \\ \it Oil \ and \ enamel \ on \ canvas, \ 110.5 \ x \ 110 \ cm \end{tabular}$

\$5,600 \$5,450





Deep Space, Small Death 2017 Oil on canvas, 89.7 x 80.1 cm $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textit{Crescent Moon} \\ & 2017 \\ \end{tabular}$ Oil and enamel on canvas, 80 x 80 cm

\$3,850 \$3,650





Tension Meter 2016 Oil on canvas, 70.2 x 65.1 cm Soft Moon 2017 Oil on canvas, 70 x 65 cm

\$3,350 \$3,350





Rorshach collage 2018 Oil on linen, 50 x 40 cm System Maintenance 2020 Oil on board, 50 x 40 cm

\$2,600 \$2,600





Left and Right 2017 Oil on canvas, 55 cm diameter $\begin{array}{c} \textit{Lunar Still Life} \\ 2017 \\ 24.1~\text{x } 18.1~\text{cm, oil and enamel on board} \end{array}$

\$2,800 \$1,500







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