## SOLILOQUY A solo show by Bobbie Russon

29 Oct - 3 Nov | Open 11-5.30 Tues-Sat (12-4 on Sunday) Private View: Tuesday 29 October 6-9pm (RSVP)

20 Clerkenwell Green, EC1R 0DP (nearest tube: Farringdon)



The long awaited debut London solo show from Bobbie Russon will feature new works from this much coveted artist. Large scale oil paintings will sit alongside a new series of wood block paintings.

Bobbie Russon's paintings speak to the quiet, contemplative and solitary place in all of us, usually featuring lone girls in a paradoxical moment of adolescence, caught between the needs of a child and the wants of an adult. More as a metaphor for humanity than a literal interpretation. The girls can seem both victim and perpetrator, vulnerable and strong. Russon's work speaks to us on an emotional level, a whisper rather than a cry, it gives us time to stand still, time to reflect in what it means to be human.

"Ultimately Bobbie Russon is a painter of unusual beauties and harmonies. This unfurling body of work is not just about privations and heartache, it is filled with humour and joy. Writing a profile of an artist can be like a séance. It takes courage to be uncompromisingly revelatory and Russon's paintings bring us as near to being inside an artist's head as can be." Jane Hill

Bobbie Russon trained at the Royal College of Art and St Martin's. was born in Birmingham in 1966, and currently lives and works in South West London.

Russon's somber yet beautiful paintings expose an inherently ambiguous, complex nature of society's growing fears about the loss of childhood innocence. They are very English with their grey tones reflecting an outward unemotional nature.

"My work comes from a deep, dark, quiet place in me and hopefully speaks to that place in others," she says. "If I can evoke a memory or emotion in a stranger by my own personal interpretation of a shared, but private experience, without having to use words then I feel I am succeeding"

Bobbie Russon is soley represented by bollee gallery in the UK and Abroad. Her paintings are held in private collections globally and she is fast becoming a very sought after artist.

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