

Marilyn Minter Showcase to Kickoff Summer Season Exhibitions At CENTERpiece Gallery

(Las Vegas, NV) – Michele C. Quinn Fine Art (MCQFine Art) and CENTERpiece Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of works by renowned contemporary artist, Marilyn Minter. The exhibition, which is currently on display, will run through Tuesday, August 31, 2010.



Examining the relationships between the body, photography, and painting, Marilyn Minter work taps into cultural anxieties about sexuality and desire. Using luscious colors, glossy surfaces and hyper-realistic close-ups, her work is both seductive and disturbing. Makeup-laden lips, eyes, mouths, necks, and feet are portrayed with an enticing but alarming veracity that examines beauty and decadence while exposing the pleasures and dangers of glamour.

Art, Minter has said, is meant to reveal the distance between representations of glamour in popular culture and the realities of the flesh. The CENTERpiece Gallery exhibition focuses on a selection of Minter's works featuring large-scale Chromogenic prints. (Photo: *Swarv*, 2005, by Marilyn Minter)

Minter's video debut, *Green Pink Caviar* made its first U.S. museum appearance as part of Minter's solo show at Contemporary Arts Center in Cincinnati, Ohio; the video that has gained fame playing on the MTV HD Billboard in Times Square and, most recently, accompanying pop icon Madonna on her current European tour. (Video Still: from *Green Pink Caviar*, 2009, by Marilyn Minter)



Born in 1948 in Shreveport, Louisiana, Marilyn Minter lives and works in New York City. In 1970, she received a bachelor's degree in fine art from the University of Florida and in 1972 a master degree in fine art from Syracuse University. In recent years she has had solo exhibitions at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (2005), Salon 94 (2006, 2009) and Regen Projects (2009). Minter's paintings were included in the 2006 Whitney Biennial along with billboards in Chelsea that coincided with the Biennial. In 2007, Pamela Anderson became her muse for the centerfold of the Swiss art magazine *Parkett*.

You are invited to view the exhibition during normal business hours, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For more information on the Marilyn Minter exhibition and other upcoming events, contact Gallery Director Nicole Moffatt at (702) 739.3314 or visit: www.centerpieceelv.com.

CENTERpiece Gallery is a 2,500-square-foot fine art and design venue that focuses not only on the traditional mediums of contemporary art such as photography and works on paper, but also presents unique and functional design objects and furniture. The gallery showcases works by many of the contemporary artists and architects featured throughout CityCenter, including artists Claes Oldenburg, Richard Misrach, Jenny Holzer and David Rockwell. For more information visit: www.centerpieceelv.com. CENTERpiece Gallery is located along the lower level of Crystals Place, situated inside Mandarin Oriental Las Vegas porte cochère, next to Kiton and Carolina Herrera.

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