

**Joncquil and Judith van Bilderbeek at LONDON ART FAIR – stand P18
Business Design Centre, 13 -18 January 2009**



Joncquil - Sun Wukong 2008
50 x 70 cm, acrylic on linen



Judith van Bilderbeek – Little Yellow Snake 2008
60 x 80 cm, oil on linen

KESTER+BLES art gallery is pleased to be partaking in London Art Fair's PROJECT SPACE in January 2009. We will be showing new work by 2 emerging Dutch painters; Joncquil and Judith van Bilderbeek.

Joncquil's loosely-executed paintings combine figurative and abstract images that seem to be in a state of flux. Drawing on historical as well as contemporary subjects, he creates fragmentary paintings that resemble hallucinations, dreams or memories rather than images of everyday life.

Judith on the other hand, is interested in the mundane and elevates the status of commonplace objects to create dramatic still lifes which border on the grotesque. She uses humour and virtuosity to create powerful yet gently humane works that reverberate with deeper associations.

Joncquil (1973) studied at the Breda Academy of Fine Arts and has been exhibiting his work in the Netherlands since 1999. Communal art commissions include murals in Breda and The Hague and his work can be found in private, public and corporate collections in The Netherlands such as Achmea, Calder and Akzo Nobel. Joncquil had his first UK show at KESTER+BLES' inaugural exhibition in September 2008.

Judith (1962) studied at The Hague Royal Academy of Fine Arts. She has been exhibiting in the Netherlands since 2000 and her work is widely publicised. She is a member of several art associations and was awarded both the Van Heel-Poort and Van Ommeren-de Voogt Art Prizes in 2000. Judith's first UK exhibition is scheduled at KESTER+BLES in March 2009.

KESTER+BLES is a contemporary art gallery in Notting Hill, London. The gallery was founded in September 2008 by Lieke Kester and Eelke Jan Bles, who are from the Netherlands. KESTER+BLES shows work by emerging artists from Northern Europe, particularly those based in the UK and the Netherlands.

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Fair visiting address: Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London N1
Fair opening hours: Tue 13 January: Press View 12-2, VIP Preview 4-6, Preview Evening 6-9
Wed and Thu from 11 to 9, Fri and Sat from 11 to 7 and Sun from 11 to 5