

## Judith van Bilderbeek – Around the Table



Dishwasher, 2007  
100 x 120 cm, oil on linen

27 March – 7 May 2009

Private View 26 March, 6-9pm

The KESTER+BLES gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition of new paintings, by Dutch artist Judith van Bilderbeek. This will be Van Bilderbeek's first solo show in the UK.

Van Bilderbeek's paintings contain all the basic elements of Expressionism, with their emotive use of colour and distorted, turbulent forms. What sets her bold and colourful paintings apart, however, is their positioning of domestic subject-matter within unsettling, warped compositions.

Van Bilderbeek zooms in on everyday household objects, elevating the status of commonplace objects to create dramatic still lifes which border on the grotesque. She often only shows parts of her subjects and removes from them all unnecessary details, providing only a minimum of information. Her compositions are intentionally naïve, and at times seem to present objects from a child's perspective.

Van Bilderbeek's obvious love of paint, her determined brushstrokes and selection of straightforward themes give her work an air of effortlessness and simplicity. It is, however, the product of a long and conscious process that leads to a successful balance of logic and intuition, fact and imagination.

Judith van Bilderbeek (1962) lives and works in The Hague, The Netherlands. She studied at The Hague Royal Academy of Visual Arts and remains an active member of The Hague's art institutes and organisations. Van Bilderbeek has exhibited extensively in The Netherlands since 2000 and is also a visiting lecturer at the Leiden Art Academy.

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

**For further information and high resolution images, please visit the gallery website:**

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Opening hours: Mon to Fri from 10.30 to 6 and Sat from 12 to 5 during exhibitions, or by appointment