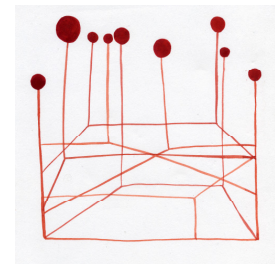
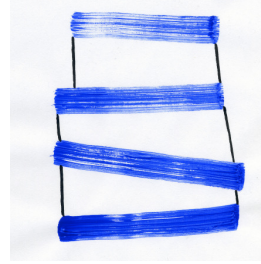
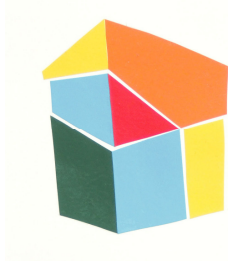
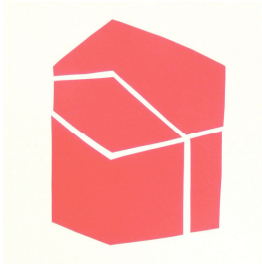


## Irene van de Mheen – Drawing Room II

31 October - 27 November 2008

Private View 30 October, 6-9pm



KESTER+BLES gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition of drawings by Dutch artist Irene van de Mheen. Irene has exhibited extensively in mainland Europe, and this will be her first solo show in the UK.

Irene's work deals with space and the structural design of space, addressing scale, proportion and perspective. Her drawings, objects and installations explore dimensionality and the relationship between physical space and its representation. By creating spaces within spaces and mixing various realities, Irene searches for new places and meanings.

Over the course of a number days at KESTER+BLES, Irene will install an exhibition of two-dimensional work ranging from pencil drawings to hand-cut adhesive vinyl on paper and painted ceramic shapes. Apparent in all her work is the tension between the manufactured and the natural, the ideal and the imperfect. In her search for strong and true abstract forms, Irene incorporates imperfections and coincidences, which provide her conceptual work with a human imprint and a compelling natural quality.

Irene was born in 1967. Having spent the last 16 years in Spain, she now lives and works in Amsterdam and Rotterdam. She studied at the Kampen University of Fine Art as well as at the Massana and La Llotja Colleges of Art in Barcelona. Irene's work can be found in leading corporate art collections such as Caja Madrid, and has been acquired by the Santander Museum of Modern Art and the Madrid Museum of Contemporary Art. Public design commissions include a sculpture for the facade of the Huesca Congress Centre, an award-winning stage design for a contemporary dance group in Barcelona, and a public square in Algeciras.

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

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