



## **Halcyon Gallery announces Mitch Griffiths' much-anticipated 2010 and 2011 shows**

**London, UK – 18 December 2009.** Today, Halcyon Gallery at 24 Bruton Street, Mayfair announced it will stage a new show, *The Promised Land*, for Mitch Griffiths of 25 extraordinary new paintings containing narrative and energy that express his anxieties about modern life in a symbolic and illustrative way. The exhibition will open on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and will include modern day masterpieces; *Flag Bearer's Daughter*, *Rehabilitation* and *The Muse is Dead*.

Mitch Griffiths is one of the UK's most accomplished artists whose detailed, figurative paintings are bluntly honest with a skill and complexity common in paintings of the Old Masters. His captivating and expressive portraits have been widely recognised through art prizes including the BP Portrait awards. Mitch's remarkable talent has attracted an international following with celebrity portrait commissions, sell-out shows and long awaited anticipation from collectors to see his new work.

Paul Green, President, Halcyon Gallery said: "*Mitch's long awaited show this Spring is an important punctuation in his career and builds up to the Iconostasis exhibition in 2011 of world icons, including portraits of Ray Winstone and Keira Knightley, which has the potential to be an international blockbuster show.*"

**2010**

**Mitch Griffiths**

***The Promised Land***

**From 28 April 2010**

Mayfair's Halcyon Gallery at 24 Bruton Street

Including 25 new paintings and modern day masterpieces; *Flag Bearer's Daughter*,  
*Rehabilitation* and *The Muse is Dead*

**2011**

**Mitch Griffiths**

***Iconostasis***

**Dates to be announced**

Mayfair's Halcyon Gallery at 24 Bruton Street

Exhibition of world icons, including portraits of Ray Winstone and Keira Knightley

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### **Notes to editors**

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### **Mitch Griffiths biography**

Mitch Griffiths was born in the Midlands in 1971. Griffiths studied Graphic Design at Torquay College and went on to Southampton to study a course in Illustration. He spent many subsequent years studying in his studio and has honed his skills as an astounding oil painter.

Mitch's work has been selected for the BP Portrait Award exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery on three separate occasions. In 2001 'Armoured Heart' was selected, with the painting featured on the cover of the BP Portrait Award catalogue. In 2003 'Sending Message: Be My Wife' was selected, with Mitch proposing to his wife in front of this specially created painting. In 2004 'Artist, Model And Critic' was selected for exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery for the BP Portrait Award.

Brian Sewell has commented "a work of substantial authority, technically more than competent, and, damn it though many will for its references to ancestral painters, Caravaggio among them (the Seven Deadly Sins in place of the Seven Works of Mercy), it should have been short-listed for a prize."

2004 Halcyon Gallery started representing Mitch.

2006 Solo exhibition '*Reality*' at the Halcyon Gallery, London

### **Halcyon Gallery**

Situated in the heart of Mayfair, London, Halcyon Gallery is one of Europe's leading art galleries representing some of the finest artists and sculptors working today. Halcyon Gallery is committed to supporting and nurturing outstanding living artists, specialising in fine art and master graphics as well as original paintings, drawings and sculpture.

Halcyon Gallery's magnificent five storey flagship gallery at 24 Bruton Street opened in 2008, joining the original gallery, established in 1973, at 29 New Bond Street. Both spaces hold dramatic exhibitions of existing and new works throughout the year. For further information please visit: [www.halcyongallery.com](http://www.halcyongallery.com)

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