

BLACK WHITE

VANITY

Black White Gallery is delighted to present Aniela Preston's first solo show *Vanity*, curated by Henrietta Scrine. Aniela Preston (b. 1998, Coventry, UK) graduated with her Fine Art BA at the University of Leeds in 2021 after completing her Foundation Diploma at Central Saint Martins. In 2022 she was selected as a finalist for the Ingram Prize, and most recently, she has been selected as a finalist for the Royal Society of British Artist's 2023 Rome Scholarship.

Aniela Preston's paintings blend the contemporary with the classical in a hyper-realist style, offering both quiet glimpses into intimate moments, and gesturing towards wider societal, political and environmental issues. Her paintings therefore not only provide societal critique but draw on the concept of traditional formality that mythologises the mundane. Painting primarily in acrylic, she hopes her paintings are not just aesthetic objects, but rather invitations to engage in considering the impact of our actions.

Vanity includes a number of unseen works by the praised emerging artist, each sensitively conveying contemporary societal states of mind. Placing her figures in often obscure and extraordinary scenes, she reflects on classical painting styles, sparking an appreciation of how forgotten and archaic forms can be reimagined and worked into contemporary spaces. As a result, her works invite introspection through a highly evocative presentation of what we consider natural, with themes moving in and out of the mortal world. Several works in the exhibition highlight current environmental threats to the natural world, by drawing parallels with biblical and mythological accounts Aniela hopes to inspiring a sense of responsibility for the environment from the viewer.

VISITOR INFORMATION:

Black White Gallery advocates a contemporary approach that challenges the traditional institutionalised art market. We strive to build genuine relationships with both emerging and established artists, providing a safe space that promotes constructive and empowering dialogue. Black White Gallery was established in 2022 by Charles Leffler and Henrietta Scrine.

Private view: Thursday 15th June 2023, 6 pm - 9 pm

Exhibition runs: 16th June - 22nd June 2023

Address: 422 Kingsland Road, London E8 4AA

Opening times: Monday - Saturday 11 am - 7 pm, Sunday 11 am - 4 pm

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