

Johan van mullem

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New York, NY (December 18, 2013) - **C24 Gallery** is pleased to announce the first solo exhibition in New York by Belgian artist **Johan Van Mullem**.

Johan Van Mullem's oeuvre is characterized almost entirely by portraiture. Rather than portraying a physical similitude, his works feature surreal depictions of the subjects' innate desires and feelings. Van Mullem finds beauty in human experiences that leave a mark on the soul, the resulting lines that develop with age and the depth of eyes that have seen something they will never forget. Above all, Van Mullem's concern is with artistic technique and individual emotion.

The body of work describes Van Mullem's artistic vision on the most fundamental level. The haunting power of the works in the exhibition at C24 Gallery find thematic similarities to the work of William Blake, Francisco Goya and Francis Bacon, artists known for their attraction to the inner workings of the individual. However, Van Mullem claims no real influence from the cultural significance of art history as a whole. Instead, he views art as an extension of the self, or rather himself.

About Johan Van Mullem

Johan Van Mullem (b. 1959) lives and works in Waterloo, Brussels. He was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo and spent seven formative years in Tunisia. Declared "a rising star in the modern art world" by Bob

Chaundy in *The Huffington Post*, Van Mullem has had solo exhibitions at venues in London and Belgium. Known mainly for his powerful depiction of faces, Van Mullem's artworks are noted for their psychological penetration and for their deep examination of the relationship between the artist and his imaginary subject.

About C24 Gallery

Based in New York, C24 Gallery opened its doors in 2011 as a gallery of international contemporary art that focuses on artists from diverse geographies. The gallery is dedicated to identifying and providing a platform for international artists who are often at an early stage of their career or who have already achieved critical acclaim outside of New York. The gallery represents artists who work in all media, including painting, sculpture, photography, film, video, drawing, printmaking, and installations.

For more information about C24 Gallery please visit <http://www.c24gallery.com>

Image caption: Johan Van Mullem, Sans Titre, 2011, Ink on board, 39.5in x 39.5in (100cm x 100cm)



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