

Press Release:

THE KNAPP GALLERY IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE IN FASHION, CHUCK CONNELLY'S LATEST WORKS, FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!

Philadelphia, PA- November 2007 -- The Knapp Gallery is pleased and excited to announce the exceptional art of awarded and-infamous-painter Chuck Connelly. Connelly's solo exhibition In Fashion will feature oil paintings from his latest group of works which explore and critique the decadence and glamour of couture fashion. These stunning works will be on view from November 2nd through December 23rd.

There is a certain freedom to -Who gives a f***, Chuck Connelly announces, and this freedom is certainly evident in the works which make up the body of In Fashion. In these works Connelly divorces himself from critics and paints to please himself. This pleasure translates flawlessly to the canvas. For a man who has work in the collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and who is the subject of a documentary expected to be released by HBO and BBC in 2008, it feels appropriate that Connelly is finally able to succumb to self indulgence.

Ironically appropriate in the current atmosphere of decadence and hedonism, the works of In Fashion are all inspired by high-fashion advertisements. In his more than thirty years of experience as a painter, Connelly has been praised by New York critics for his innovative and bold use of paint. Through his cunning manipulation of color and his carefully honed skills as an artist, he transforms the two-dimensional fashion model into a living, breathing entity. His expressionistic style lends itself seamlessly to the world of high fashion. Connelly's sensual brush strokes suit the drama, glamour and self-indulgence of the Vogue photographs from which he draws inspiration. Each shallow photograph takes on a different dimension when rendered in paint -- Connelly brings life and a new perspective to the high-fashion silhouettes he quotes.

In Fashion will prove to be the hottest show of the fall season - don't miss it!

The Knapp Gallery is committed to exhibiting the most sophisticated, contemporary fine art. Simultaneously, we are introducing our exceptional, innovative artists to national and international markets. Located in the heart of Olde City, at 162 N. Third Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, the Knapp Gallery offers a fresh perspective to the conservative culture of this historic city. The gallery is open Thursday through Saturday 11am-6pm / Sunday 12pm-5pm and Wednesday by appointment.