

Kevin Kavanagh Gallery

Sugar-Coated

Gemma Browne

23 January – 15 February 2003

Kevin Kavanagh Gallery is pleased to present *Sugar-Coated*, an exhibition of new paintings by Gemma Browne.

The paintings in this show are based on female models' faces from fashion magazines. They are titled "Sugar-Coated" because it is the outer 'prettified' surface that makes the first or biggest impression. The painted faces are aware of being posed and viewed but they are also wide-eyed and looking directly at the viewer. The images are second-hand, influenced by photographs but unlike the glossy magazines that seem to display female faces as consumer products the painting process adds warmth and character to the images.

Gemma Browne graduated with a National Diploma in Fine Art from Crawford College of Art in 1988 and from Birmingham Institute of Art and Design with a Masters in Fine Art in 1993. She lives and works in Dublin.

Solo Exhibitions

Sugar-Coated, Kevin Kavanagh Gallery, Dublin

Being Pretty is Everything, Draiocht, Blanchardstown, Dublin 2002

Recent Group Exhibitions

Eurojets 03, RHA Gallery, Dublin

Vivid, Laois Art Festival 2002

Crawford Open 3, Crawford Municipal Gallery, Cork, 2002

Eigse, Carlow, 2001

Scoip 2000, Siamse Tire, Tralee, 2000

Nylon Gallery, London, UK, 1999

Wet Paint, Rubicon Gallery, Dublin, 1998

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