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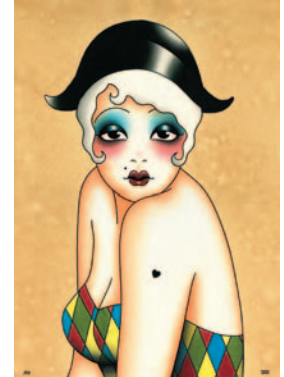
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Los Angeles, CA

Corey Helford Gallery
presents
Illuminate



New Works By
Mia, Robert Bellm and Angelique Houtkamp



Opening Reception Tuesday, December 2, 2008 from 7-10pm
On View December 2 - December 6, 2008

Corey Helford Gallery is proud to present **Illuminate**, a group show featuring new paintings by **Mia, Robert Bellm** and **Angelique Houtkamp**. The exhibition spotlights three incredibly talented artists who are making their visual stamp in the new fine art movement through their illustrative works. Open to the public, the reception for **Illuminate** takes place on Tuesday, December 2, and the show will be on view for one week only until December 6, 2008.

Mia

Mia was born and raised in Los Angeles, California and graduated from Otis College of Art and Design. Fascinated by story and character, Mia's paintings are "personality portraits" that illustrate the spirits, inner demons, conflicting emotions and imagination of her subjects. Her work has been exhibited at Gallery 1988, Roq La Rue, CoproNason, Distinction Gallery and Ad Hoc Art. For more information about Mia, please visit art-by-mia.com.

Robert Bellm

Robert Bellm was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri and attended Art Institute of Seattle and Art Center College of Design. Growing up in an artistic household encouraged Bellm to explore his creative talent, experimenting with various techniques and mediums from silkscreen, painting, and sculpture to wood, cardboard, spray paint, computers and more. His illustrative compositions of nature incorporate birds, bees, and flowers into harmonious and poetic narratives. Bellm's work has been featured at Giant Robot, Junc Gallery, and Primary Space. For more information about Bellm, please visit scrambledmilk.com.

Angelique Houtkamp

Angelique Houtkamp was born in Uithoorn, Netherlands and lives in Amsterdam where she paints and works as a professional tattooist. Her stylish watercolor renderings combine classic old school tattoo imagery mixed with mythological dreams, antropomorphed critters, nautical iconography and haunting Hollywood romance. Houtkamp has exhibited at galleries worldwide, including Outré Gallery in Sydney and Melbourne, Australia, Nelly Duff Gallery in London, England and IguaPop Gallery in Barcelona, Spain. For more information about Houtkamp, please visit salonserpent.com.

Located in the Culver City Art District, Corey Helford Gallery was established in April 2006 by Jan Corey Helford and her husband, television producer and creator, Bruce Helford (*The Drew Carey Show*, *George Lopez*, *The Oblongs*). Passionate art collectors, the Helfords are producers on the art documentary *The Treasures of Long Gone John* and have partnered to open their first gallery. Corey Helford Gallery presents a wide range of artists, from members of the new fine art movement, such as Andrew Brandou, Natalia Fabia, Korin Faught, Eric Joyner, Brandi Milne, David Stoupakis, and award-winning photographer Chris Anthony, to early Modernist William S. Schwartz. Notable shows include "Charity By Numbers", which was co-curated by Gary Baseman and featured an unprecedented lineup of artists including Mark Ryden, Marion Peck, Shepard Fairey, Todd and Kathy Schorr, Camille Rose Garcia, and Michael Huszar. Corey Helford Gallery presents new exhibitions approximately every four weeks. For more information and an upcoming exhibition schedule, please visit coreyhelfordgallery.com.

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