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Jennifer Sullivan, “Versace Chrysalis”

Opening: **Friday, October 29, from 5 to 8 p.m.**

Hours: **Saturday, October 30 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., 2021**

Versace Chrysalis is an exhibition of recent portraits of Courtney Love and handmade bleach-painted t-shirts. The exhibition’s title refers to a period of transformation in Love’s life from grunge rocker to A-list movie star, in which Love was given an elegant Versace makeover. Love becomes an avatar for the artist’s own process of personal transformation, as well.

The paintings from this series are made with dye on unprimed cotton and hung on painted wooden dowels. They loosely reference church banners or Tibetan Thangkas---religious paintings on fabric that often depict Buddhist deities. The dye gives them a raw emotional quality and a sense of being uncontrollable. They evoke crying or bleeding.

In addition to portraits of Love, handmade bleach-painted t-shirts from an ongoing series make their debut exhibition as art objects. While invoking a clothing shop, the inclusion of the shirts also honors them as intimate devotional objects and pays homage to the artists by whom Sullivan is most inspired.

Jennifer Sullivan is a New York-based painter whose painting practice evolved out of roots in performance and video. Recent solo and two-person exhibitions include Sleepers, Turn Gallery, New York, NY (2021), My Pretty Red Heart, Hans Gallery, Chicago, IL (2020), Devotional Paintings, Julius Caesar, Chicago, IL (2020), Female Sensibility, Five Car Garage (2020), Exiled Parts, No Place Gallery (2019), and Stretch Marks, Real Estate Fine Art (2018). Sullivan has exhibited widely including group exhibitions at Marinaro, Brennan and Griffin, Rod Barton, NADA NY, and Klaus Von Nichtsagend. Awards include fellowships with Paint School through Shandaken Projects (2020) and at the Fine Arts Work Center (2012-13), and residencies at the Lighthouse Works, Skowhegan, Ox-Bow, and Yaddo. Her work has been reviewed in the NY Times, Brooklyn Rail, Artforum, and Art Papers. She is represented by Five Car Garage in Los Angeles, CA.

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