



DORIELLE CAIMI
COMPLEX CANDY

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GUSFORD | los angeles is pleased to present an exhibition by American painter, Dorielle Caimi. For her first solo show with the gallery, Caimi will present a series of oil paintings that focus on the female nude. Featuring vibrant colors and strong symbolism, *Complex Candy* will explore psychological struggles and societal pressures placed on young women in contemporary America.

Caimi's figurative paintings are grounded in traditional compositions and subject matter, but they employ visual cues that are unmistakably contemporary. With visible tan lines, technicolor pubic hair and unidealized flesh, Caimi's work moves beyond sexual objectification to explore complex societal issues through symbolism. Often self-portraits, the artist's paintings depict menacing storks, engulfing flowers and screaming children, exploring her personal inner struggles.

Examining the idea of innocence as a virtue lost too soon, Caimi's nude figures resist vulgarity and sexualization. The bright, vivid colors serve to draw the viewer in closer to the women, whom the artist imbues with psychological complexities. Incorporating a dark sense of humor and a vision of what an authentic self might look like, Caimi lays bare her own personal psyche, creating bold paintings that speak to, and for, a larger generation.

Dorielle Caimi was born in Alexandria, VA, USA in 1985, and currently lives and works in Albuquerque, NM. She completed a BFA in Painting from Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle, WA and a Master Class in Painting at the Art Students League of Denver, Denver, CO. Caimi's work has been featured in the online publications *Hi-Fructose*, *Combustus* and *Juxtapoz* and her painting *Until Proven Innocent*, was recently published on the cover of *Printer's Devil Review*.

For further information, images, or interview requests, please contact michelle@gusfordgallery.com

Opening Reception | Thursday, March 6, 6-9pm, RSVP to rsvp@gusfordgallery.com
The gallery is open Tuesday - Saturday, 11am-6pm