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ADAM MCEWEN

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October 22 – November 27, 2004

Opening reception, Friday, October 22, 6 – 8 pm

Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 10 – 6pm

Nicole Klagsbrun Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of new work by Adam McEwen opening on Friday October 22, from 6 – 8pm. The exhibition continues through November 22, 2004.

For his first one-person show in New York, Adam McEwen will exhibit some paintings, a sculpture that hangs from the wall, a sculpture that hugs the floor and another sculpture that seems to attempt to do both at the same time.

As is usually the case with this British artist's work, the stimuli that lurk beneath the exhibition are familiar, everyday elements: the sculpture *Shoegazer* takes its formal cue from the mirrors found in old-school High Street shoe shops; *Grey Drain* proceeds from the banners found adorning car dealerships and garage forecourts (in Britain more usually associated with the celebration of national holidays, such as the Queen's birthday); and the series of photographs which might be seen as the heart of the show clearly mimic pages of newspapers.

The title of the exhibition, *History is a Perpetual Virgin endlessly and repeatedly Deflowered by successive generations of Fucking Liars*, was written in an attempt to sum up one aspect of these last pieces. History as fiction: rewritable, unreliable and finally, in all probability, tragic. The cream rises to the top but – the top is now the bottom again.

Previously, Adam McEwen has been the subject of exhibitions at Alessandra Bonomo Gallery, Rome, Italy, The Wrong Gallery, New York and The McAllister Institute, New York. McEwen will also present a piece for *I'll Be Your Mirror* in conjunction with the Fondazione Nicola Trussardi at the Frieze Art Fair in October, 2004.

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