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**Ilia Petrovic**

***Silent Dreams***



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alpha gallery is proud to present Ilia Petrovic's much awaited new oeuvre of works, *Silent Dreams*. This new collection draws its inspiration from Medieval and Elizabethan illuminations, tapestries, stained glass and carvings.

Everything from churches, books, stone and wood carvings were painted and decorated in vibrant colours and Petrovic have been inspired by this palette to create these paintings in an abstract style. The final effect is an explosion of colours, smouldering with energy like molten lava.

"To get the depth of colour I wanted, I have used oils for the backgrounds as I feel there is no comparison to their translucent quality, the compositions range from glossy and polished to textured 'almost reptile skin' in some pieces to add another dimension to this collection."

Ilia Petrovic, of Serbian/Italian descent, was born in 1962 in Newcastle and raised in Suffolk.

After leaving Chelsea School of Art in 1995 and running a small successful interior design firm, Petrovic began to increasingly focus on his first passion; painting

He developed a fascination for colours and textures inspired by cosmology and microcosm, nature, cinematic special effects but mostly inspired by music and lyrics. He works on large canvasses, diptychs and triptychs using acrylic and oils with varnishes and resins to create glossy multi layered flowing images on a matt background. The final effect is a volcanic three-dimensional blown glass feel in two dimensions. The intricate images formed can be interpreted in many personal and subjective ways. Whether vibrant or subtle he enjoys experimenting with colours and the way they combine to give the effect he is looking for

Publications: Architectural Digest (2010), Sunday Times Style Magazine (2006), Idfx Magazine (2003), Telegraph Magazine (2003)

Note to editors:

[alpha gallery](#) is located on Cork Street, the most famous street for art galleries in London. Cork Street is next to Bond Street and the Royal Academy of Art. alpha gallery offers a unique opportunity to experience contemporary art and modern masters such as the sculpture of the Auguste Rodin (1840-1917) in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

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