

Teiji Hayama

Inno-Scents...

May 18th – June 30th, 2012
opening reception: Friday, May 18th, from 6-8pm

The **EC Gallery** (Chicago) is pleased to present a solo exhibition of new works by Japanese artist **Teiji Hayama** in "Inno-Scents...". His new body of work will be on display at the Gallery from May 18th through June 30th. Please join us for the opening night reception on Friday, May 18th, 6 pm – 8pm.

For his exhibition at the EC Gallery Hayama will present a selection of new works, including oil paintings and a works on paper. The works depict young girls evolving into women. They represent messengers whose glassy, ambiguous gazes remind the viewer of the importance of life. The portraits are pure and uncovered. Nudity is not nakedness, but a form of innocence – one and unique entity showing the purest essence of the human being. Thin and long limbs of depicted girls contrast strongly with their musculature. Their bodies are atypical, blending both fragility and strength, and therefore expressing their desire to keep going. Pale, or at times even livid skin, resembles ancient beauty, but at the same time clashes with the girls' juvenile and well rounded cheeks. The experience provided by "INNO-SCENTS..." has many levels and is full of contrasts.

Teiji Hayama was born in Japan in 1975 and now lives and works in Switzerland. He graduated in 1998 from Central Saint Martins' College of Art & Design in London and returned to Japan for four years to work with the designer Issey Miyake. Hayama's paintings have been exhibited throughout Asia and Europe, including solo shows at the Willem Kerseboom Gallery, Amsterdam and the Galerie T40 in Germany in 2010. Select group exhibitions where Hayama was exhibited include: The Holster Project, London; Janine Bean Gallery, Berlin in 2009 and the Scope Art Show Basel with Saatchi in 2008.

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