

Press release

Freedom of Imagination

John Cullinane

New Paintings

29 August - 19 September 2009

Drawing from both the classical and the contemporary, John Cullinane's paintings ask fundamental questions about the structure of human society, and our relationship to each other and the world.

In the painting *Pomo boys*, the title refers to young men who dwell in a post-modern world. This world is a visual parody of the day-to-day image saturation we experience in contemporary consumer culture. The figures and objects occupy a room, one figure holds a modernist painting as an icon' another figure is standing on a Karl Marx book symbolising the grand narrative, this figure is kicking a toy soldier, symbolic of the past colonial era. The figures dance in a celebration of the now, the present that is without a centre and is surrounded by the past and the future.

John Cullinane is a highly recognised figurative painter with a strong following. He is represented in many major public and private collections including the National Gallery of Australia, Art Gallery of WA, University of WA, Parliament House Canberra, Ziyin and Carrillo Gantner, Kerry Stokes and Barry Humphries.

The exhibition *New Paintings* opens on Saturday **29 August** and runs until **19 September** at **Brigitte Braun Gallery 4 White Street Windsor**. There will be opening drinks with the artist on Saturday 29 August from 3-5pm. Gallery hours are Wednesday – Saturday 1-4pm and by appointment.

For more information or high resolution digital images please contact Brigitte Braun on 03 95212324 or email artplace@inet.net.au