

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ADELAIDE DAMOAH SUPERMODELS**

**2-7 October 2008**

**Nolias Gallery, 60 Great Suffolk Street, Southwark,  
London SE1 0BL**

**PRIVATE VIEW: Thursday 2 October, 6-9pm**

*Supermodels* is a new exhibition consisting of a series of eighteen striking paintings featuring powerful images which distort some well known international supermodels and celebrity icons. The latest works by Adelaide Damoah represent an intense period of her career when she was personally impacted by the death of Brazilian supermodel Anna Carolina Reston in 2006.

The ensuing debate about anorexia and size zero models, still engulfing the industry, are amongst the very topical issues that Damoah is not afraid to challenge and portray. They are represented in exhibits throughout the show. Adelaide tackles controversial subjects in her popular haunting, impactful way and uses a 6ft wide piece *Ana* as the centrepiece of the show and introduces large canvasses of *Lilly*, *Amy*, *Venus* featuring Stuart Rose and Hilary Riva, *Sophie*, *Alek* and *Heather* to challenge the concept of self-image, self harm and other forms of self destruction which

are rife within the industry. The Italian Vogue issue is also highlighted in this collection.

The artist says: "I decided not to paint faces as I wanted the viewer to pay attention to the bodies of these women, and let that do the talking. None of them have eyes. I believe the eyes are the windows to the soul or essence or a person... You can tell a lot from the eyes, Models are essentially blank canvases, coat hangers from which to hang the creations of fashion designers. I gave eyes, and hence "a soul" to the only dead model in the collection - *Ana*.

*"Adelaide Damoah....one to watch." Haringey News June 2008*  
*"Stroke of genius" Mimi Magazine 2006*

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

**Preview 2nd October 2008 6-9pm**

**Open 2nd – 7th October 2008**

**Gallery opening hours: 1pm- 6pm**

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