

**FALLING JASMINE: GRILLO DEMO WORKS OF ART ON VIEW AND FOR SALE AT
PHILLIPS de PURY & COMPANY, NEW YORK**

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New York – May 27 – Phillips de Pury & Company is pleased to announce a show of paintings, photographs, furniture and ceramics by the artist, **Grillo Demo** to be held in the company's New York galleries from September 5 – 27, 2008.

Flowers, fantasy and a delightful Surrealist approach imbue Grillo Demo's playful and colorful creations which span the fine art, decorative arts and furniture realms. This exhibition of over twenty works of art will include paintings, collages, monumental ceramic vases, a magnificent oval dining table alongside other furniture creations to include lamps, chaises and a 'Branch' mirror as well as the artist's mythical fire dogs. In addition, a selection of Grillo Demo's Portraits, paintings on photographs, will be shown as well as the celebrated series of watercolors of artists' studios and interiors done in collaboration with **Interview** magazine.

This highly-charged and personal work is an exploration and experimentation through many mediums. For Grillo Demo, inspiration comes from the materials that are the most available at the time from pre-existing imagery to forms and colors experienced first hand; such as the enduring leitmotif of the "intoxicating" jasmine flowers that he cultivates in his Ibiza garden. It is this freedom of invention and the artist's bold aesthetic which results in such original and vital works of art.

For Grillo Demo, making art "gives the world a new, beautiful skin" and this outlook unifies the works in this show. In a series of paintings on photographs of iconic women from **Lady Sibyl Sassoon** and **Evita to Carine Roitfeld** and **Elle MacPherson**, the artist has painted a jasmine flower on the surface as if to protect or further beautify the image. In his words, he has created "a metaphoric scented veil."

To make beautiful, adorn to and to channel his energy in his work – these are the components that carry through to the furniture and decorative pieces. A table topped with exquisite mosaic of butterflies and a flower design, *Almond Blossom Table* is a riot of color and deft handling of tile supported by pearly butterfly shaped legs while the free-form shape of *Jasmine Necklace Table* is a sensual and more subtle treatment of the artist's fascination with the jasmine flower.

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A selection of watercolors done on location at various artist's studios such as **Julian Schnabel**, **Jeff Koons**, **Jake** and **Dinos Chapman** and **Louise Bourgeois** are both exquisite drawings in their own right but belie an intimate view of the energy and spirit of the artist's working environment.

Grillo Demo was born in Rafaela, Argentina and lives and works in Ibiza.

Falling Jasmine will represent the artist's first major North American exhibition. The artist is represented by David Gill Galleries, London.

Viewing September 5 – 27 from 10 am – 6 pm

Reception September 4 from 6 pm – 8 pm

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