

FASHION ILLUSTRATION GALLERY

MARKO MATYSIK

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THE MAYOR GALLERY. 22A, CORK STREET, LONDON W1S 3NA

FIG is pleased to announce the first ever solo exhibition of paintings made by Marko Matysik and their first exhibition at their new exhibition space at The Mayor Gallery on Cork Street.

All the paintings were made for reproduction in the pages of Vogue China. They feature Haute Couture created by Givenchy, Christian Lacroix, Gaultier, Armani Privé, Valentino and Dior.

Matysik effortlessly casts his brush over both linen and canvas as if it were a magic wand concerned with the Fairy Tale business of creating a dress for the evening's ball, either that or he's casting a spell. It's difficult to know whether Matysik is Fairy God Mother or Wicked Witch. The cast of characters contain at least a couple of Cruella De Vils, three or four Barbies and a tear stained Madonna makes an appearance in Gaultier as the Virgin Mary.

Alongside the paintings, Matysik is presenting his sketch books/scrap books. They're packed to bursting point with literally thousands of photographs and annotated drawings that document the back stage buzz at Haute Couture and the Ready-to-Wear collections presented over the last decade. The books, resisting closure, sit upright on plinths as if domestic sized sculptures. When opened the books pour forth a fascinating and generous insight into the life, passion and obsessions of their creator.

Marko Matysik was born in 1967 to Anglo-German hotelier parents with whom he traveled the world. His career in fashion began in Italy where he worked for Claude Montana and Valentino before studying Fashion Design in London at St. Martins School of Art. After graduating Matysik worked for Victor Edelstein the couturier of the late Princess of Wales. In 1995 he created his own fashion brand, 'Marko Matysik', and has established a business supported by private Haute Couture clients that travel to his atelier from all over the globe. Matysik works as a creative consultant for Marie Helene de Taillac, is the Editor of Show magazine and as a Contributing Editor of Vogue International has written reports and made fashion illustrations for both Chinese and Japanese editions of Vogue.

Marko Matysik is represented by FIG.

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