

INVITATION

19 KAREN

contemporary artspace

JOHNNY ROMEO

'Candyland'

A solo show by the Sydney-based painter celebrating the female calendar pin-ups and glossy carnivals of yesteryear.

SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 19, 2009

Opening Night: **Saturday, September 26 | 6-8pm**

Drinks, canapes, performance and music provided

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Neo-Buffero, 2009



Self-portrait

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The Directors and Johnny Romeo invite you to join them in celebrating the Opening Night launch of 'Candyland' on **Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 6-8pm.**

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BIOGRAPHY

Johnny Romeo is referred to as a bombastic neo-expressionist pop painter with modern-day influences, mixing pop techniques with street art to critique some of the consumerist sentiments pervasive in society. His work centres on cultural homogenisation, the failures of blind consumerism, media saturation, celebrity fetish and brand name heroes. For his new series *Candyland* Johnny draws inspiration from the female denizens of calendars, glossy magazines and the pin-up girls of yesteryears.

Cars, bikes, carnival masks, and rides, candy wrappers and the girl of the month come together to build an absurd theme park of surreal and cynical messages about personal happiness through incessant consumption. The artist has exhibited extensively around Australia and is represented by 19 KAREN on the Gold Coast.

Candyland coincides with 19 KAREN's one-year anniversary.

19 KAREN CONTEMPORARY ARTSPACE
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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Tues-Fri: 10am-5pm, Sat-Sun: 11am-5pm

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Arrow Copper Coins, 2009



Cheese Cherry Pie, 2009



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