

# 19 KAREN

contemporary **artspace**

## INVITATION

### Beck Wheeler

Solo exhibition: **Tarts and Flours**

**17th September - 8th October 2011**

**Opening night: Sat 17th September | 6 - 8pm**

Please join us and the artist, Beck Wheeler, to celebrate the opening of her solo show on Saturday 17 September | 6 - 8pm | Drinks + Nibbles provided.

Guest speaker: John Walsh, Gold Coast City Gallery Manager

Artist talk will be held on Sunday 18 September | 10am - 12pm

RSVP to either event by email or phone before 10 September



*Sugar - 2011,  
Acrylic on wood, 50cm diameter*



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OPEN Tues - Sat 10am-5pm

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### Bio

Beck Wheeler is a multi-disciplinary artist who works across the fields of painting, sculpture and digital media. Her character based work brings together aspects from her German childhood and her New Zealand/Australian upbringing. Beck Wheeler was born in Hamburg, Germany and raised in Beach Haven, New Zealand. Wheeler started drawing characters as a kid, and over the years has learnt to carve, sculpt and paint. In 2000 Wheeler moved to Australia where she lived until 2010. While living in Melbourne, Wheeler established herself as a multi-disciplinary artist and installed her character based works in galleries, alley ways, and shop windows. In 2008 Wheeler was named one of Australia's Top Ten Creatives by Design Quarterly. Beck has exhibited her works in Japan, UK, USA, Australia, Spain and New Zealand. In 2010 Beck Wheeler moved from urban Australia to rural New Zealand. Since making this move her work has become increasingly influenced by nature and her own domestic environment.

### Artist Statement

Tarts and Flours is an exhibition of paintings and sculptural works that explores my personal connection to both painting and baking. Since moving my studio back home last year my day is made up of stints in both the kitchen and the studio. I feel like the process of mixing paint and the process of mixing baking ingredients comes from the same creative space. I apply colour to canvas as I apply flavour to flour. This show is a homage to the domestic goddess within, the search for perfection in colour, texture and flavour.

Tarts and Flours explores my early memories of baking as a child, the cakes mum used to make from the AWW Children's Birthday Cake Book and the daily process of discovery in my own kitchen and studio while also investigating ways of depicting flavour and taste.

### Tarts and Flours

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