

# *Rozi Demant*

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New Works

*2012*



Warwick Henderson Gallery

## Rozi Demant's Dark Arts

Rozi Demant's latest series of paintings indicate a shift to more life like and detailed portraits which signals a further development in this artist's steady career.

In her eighth solo art exhibition since achieving almost instant success as a teenager, the artist has managed to retain that X factor and uniqueness associated with her work. A figurative painter, expressing deeply personal thought and emotion Demant's work has always breached the conventions of basic portraiture. Symbolic imagery and unusual props surrounding the female figure remain apparent in the latest works but also show new imagery as well as humming birds and exquisite lace backdrops.

The intricacy and eye for detail in the depiction of the stunning work 'Lace', for example, is outstanding. Several of these new portraits are framed ovals – a traditional framing and presentation method, immortalised by writer Edgar Allan Poe in 1842. In his famous but chilling story 'The Oval Portrait', he portrays an artist so engrossed while finishing a portrait of his wife she withers away and dies, unnoticed by the self-absorbed artist. When finished, he finally states: *"This is indeed life itself."*

While showing more than a nod to burlesque activity and associated attire, Demant's portraits also indicate a somewhat darker and deeper undercurrent coursing through the canvas.



Artist: Rozi Demant  
Title: *Release*  
Medium: Acrylic on board (framed)  
Size: 47 x 32 cm  
Date: 2012



Detail



Artist: Rozi Demant  
Title: *Golden lily with humming bird*  
Medium: Acrylic on board (framed)  
Size: 47 x 32 cm  
Date: 2012



Detail



Artist: Rozi Demant  
Title: *Wounded*  
Medium: Acrylic on board (framed)  
Size: 47 x 32 cm  
Date: 2012



Detail



Artist: Rozi Demant  
Title: *White lilies*  
Medium: Acrylic on canvas  
Size: 35 x 30 cm  
Date: 2012



Detail



Artist: Rozi Demant  
Title: *Love lies bleeding and humming birds*  
Medium: Acrylic on canvas  
Size: 50 x 30 cm  
Date: 2012



Detail



Artist: Rozi Demant  
Title: *Lace*  
Medium: Acrylic on board  
Size: 120 x 120 cm  
Date: 2012



Detail





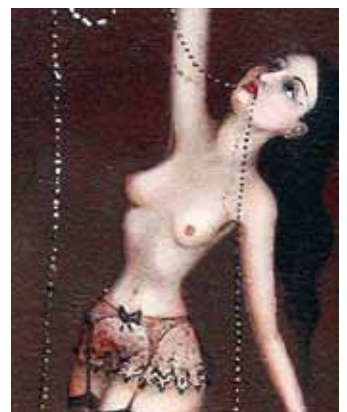
Artist: Rozi Demant  
Title: *Lace and humming birds*  
Medium: Acrylic on canvas  
Size: 50 x 40 cm  
Date: 2012



Detail



Artist: Rozi Demant  
Title: *White lace and humming birds*  
Medium: Acrylic on board (framed)  
Size: 40 x 30 cm  
Date: 2012



Detail