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## Press Release

Artist: Juliane Hundertmark (Berlin)  
Title: *Breakfast*  
Preview: 08 / 10 / 2016 8:30am - 11am  
Dates: 04 / 10 / 2016 - 29 / 10 / 2016  
Location: Knight Webb Gallery, 54 Atlantic Road, Brixton, SW9 8PZ  
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### Solo exhibition of new paintings by Berlin artist Juliane Hundertmark

Juliane Hundertmark is considered one of Berlin's most original and inventive emerging painters. Her work communicates everyday truths as she experiences them - observations of social awkwardness, suppressed behaviour, perceived 'normal' behaviour, and fear. The artist's distinctive style involves visual metaphors and the staging of scenarios to examine these social observations.

The *Breakfast* exhibition is orientated around Hundertmark's recent series of large scale works on canvas titled 'Breakfast'. The artist has been exploring the commonplace ritual of the breakfast table and the archetypal gathering of the family in their sleepy, hungover and occasionally dishevelled state. For just over a year Hundertmark has been producing this series, which has resonated with her audience and inspired associations with familiar scenes from their own lives. The characters are metaphors or aspects of real personality types, although the characters at Hundertmark's breakfast's are outlandish spectres and imp like creatures. Hundertmark has produced these new paintings, composed of her distinctive combination of dynamic paintwork and collage, and her usual balance of harshness and humour, honesty and fantasy.



Juliane Hundertmark 'Breakfast 5' 2016, 140 X 170 cm Mixed Media on Canvas

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*'The paintings I saw by Juliane Hundertmark were all rather mysterious and even disturbing in places... yet also with beautifully painted sections such the detailed clothing of one figure and the mere black outline of another. That enigmatic "otherness" and open-ended quality combined with different painting styles, some realism and some minimal painterly effects, is very exciting and makes the works fresh and innovative. A unique style unlike any other painters working today'* - Barbara Bloemink, Curator Guggenheim Museums.

For Juliane Hundertmark breakfast serves as a metaphor: It acts as a catalyst for an exploration of the strangeness in our relationships. Juliane has taken the simple breakfast routine and flipped it over into a surreal and distorted perception of this familiar wholesome mealtime gathering.



Juliane Hundertmark 'Breakfast 4' 2016 Mixed Media on Canvas 140 x 170 cm

Juliane Hundertmark 'Breakfast 6' 2016 Mixed Media on Canvas 170 x 140 cm

Whilst yielding many interpretations, Hundertmark's work is primarily concerned with psychoanalysis. Her imagery is an improvised dance in the subconscious, conjuring people and creatures out of childhood memories and placing these strange characters in even stranger relationships. Her narratives are characterised by an otherworldly combination of eeriness, humour and dreamlike spectacle.

Juliane Hundertmark was born in Mainz in 1971 and lives in Berlin, Germany. She studied Design and Stage Design at Bayreuth. She has been exhibited extensively at art fairs worldwide including VOLTA New York and Art Miami. The artist has also had several solo and group exhibitions in London with Knight Webb Gallery, in addition to exhibitions throughout Europe.

*Breakfast* will open with an invite only breakfast buffet at Knight Webb Gallery in Brixton from 8:30 am - 11 am on Saturday 8th September, and will provide an opportunity to meet the artist.

Please Contact Rufus Knight-Webb at the gallery for more information.