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Karim B Hamid *The End of Play and Infancy*

May 18th through June 16th



[Alchemy Gallery](#) will open its Lower East Side doors on **Wednesday, May 18th** for its inaugural exhibition - a new series of work by figurative painter [Karim B Hamid](#). Entitled *The End of Play and Infancy*, the show features Hamid's thought provoking artistic style; a layered approach that results in paintings that capture a kind of psychic element of the person or thing being observed, with a depth of detail not ordinarily interpreted by the conditioned eye. *The End of Play and Infancy* will be on view from May 18th through June 16th.

Hamid's work regularly pulls from the combined traditions of pin-up modeling, vintage soft pornography and western art history to turn the concept of objectification on its head - his paintings focus on what the male gaze means, rather than being about an illicit depiction of the female form. Hamid uses the fluidity of his medium to further that point; his subjects are distorted and exaggerated, pushing the viewer to contemplate not only *what* they are seeing, but the art of *how* they see it as well.

The End of Play and Infancy is an extension of these themes, and of Hamid's desire to discard the superficial and cultivate meaningful, genuine connection via life and art. Inspired by the intimacy, romanticism, and the real life human elements captured in films and pornography of the 70's, this series may invoke an immediate risqué sensibility, but really is the antithesis of that. It is an intriguing, visually

poetic interpretation of an artistic time in pornography that has since evolved into over-manufactured content void of authenticity and spirituality.

Hamid's *The End of Play and Infancy* opens on Wednesday May 18th with a private preview, and will be available for public viewing during Alchemy Gallery's open hours: Wednesday through Saturday, from noon to 6 pm daily.

For more information on Karim B Hamid, please see his artist statement [linked here](#).

About Alchemy Gallery

Alchemy itself is a process of creation and transformation; the evolution of turning the ordinary into the extraordinary. Alchemy Gallery's mission is to celebrate that process artistically, by fostering the development of artists at all levels, in all mediums, and championing their art with the right audiences of quality collectors. The Gallery's 1000sq. feet footprint in New York's Lower East Side gives art the room it needs to breathe and provides the optimal environment for collectors to discover, explore and acquire.

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