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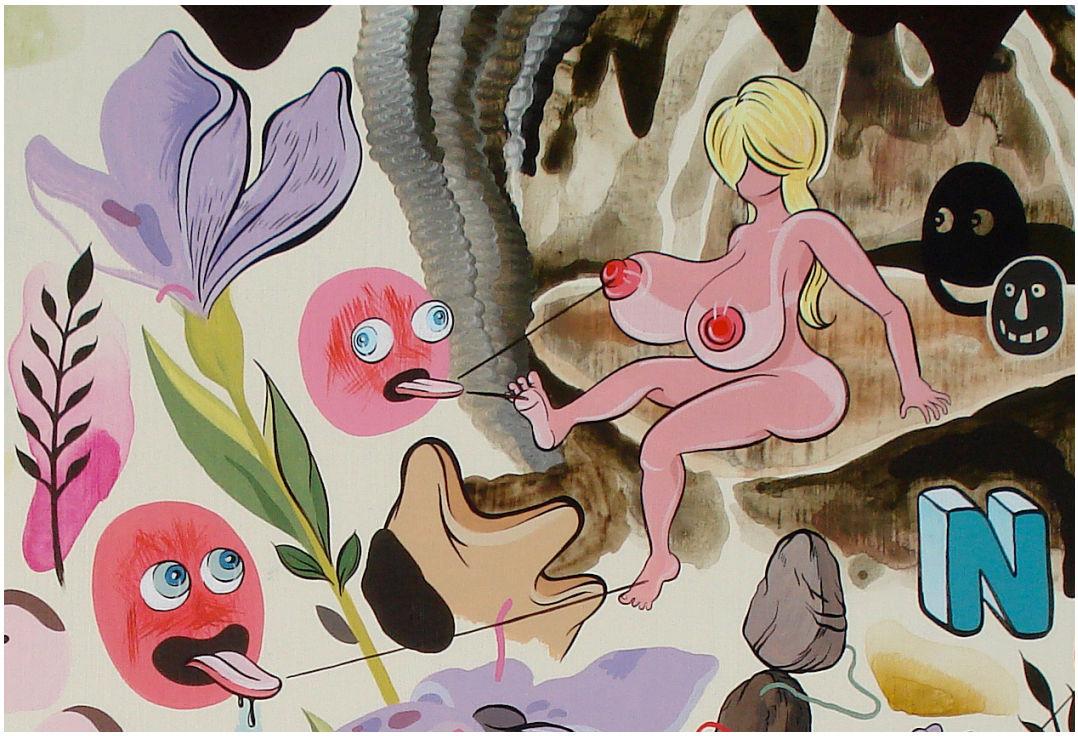

MARK MULRONEY *"REALLY CREATIVE PICTURES"* SEPTEMBER 9 – OCTOBER 9, 2010

OPENING: Friday, September 10, 6–8pm

Mixed Greens is very pleased to present Mark Mulroney's fourth solo exhibition with the gallery. *Really Creative Pictures* will consist of paintings, books and a multi-part mural.

For as long as he can remember, Mark Mulroney has made a daily practice of drawing in several sketchbooks simultaneously—recording images, ideas and perplexing haikus. Each sketchbook is a collection of characters, source material, inspiration, sexual depravity and off-color humor. Like many artists, Mulroney has often found it difficult to translate the spontaneity of a sketch to canvas.

For this exhibition, Mulroney will display a selection of sketchbooks and a series of both large and small-scale "sketch paintings" where the collage and immediacy of his private books is captured on board and canvas. The viewer is now privy to multiple versions of an image and a stream-of-consciousness that was previously concealed.

For those who have followed Mulroney's work, *Really Creative Pictures* will be an exciting encapsulation of the last decade. Old and new characters and drawing styles coalesce in the new pieces. It is Mulroney's most personal show to date, but the multiple perspectives and truncated storylines will leave viewers with countless interpretations. A portal of sorts into the mind of Mulroney, this sketch-inspired body of work recalls the past while simultaneously revealing a more complex present and future.

Mark Mulroney received his MFA from The University of California at Santa Barbara. His first solo show in New York was with Mixed Greens in September of 2004. Other solo show venues include ebersmoore gallery, Chicago, IL (2009); ArtSpace, New Haven, CT (2009); Gregory Lind Gallery, San Francisco, CA (2007); Mixed Greens, NYC (2006); Richard Heller, Los Angeles, CA (2005); and The San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art, CA (2004). Group exhibition venues have included Park Gallery, San Francisco, CA; Guerrero Gallery, San Francisco, CA; OKOK Gallery, Seattle, WA; Evergreene Gallery, Geneva, Switzerland; The National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, Poland; RAID projects, Los Angeles, CA; Finesilver Gallery, Houston, TX; Cassius King Gallery, San Diego, CA; The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV; the San Francisco Art Institute, CA; the Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, CA; and the Laguna Beach Art Museum in CA. He has been written about in numerous publications including artforum.com, the Los Angeles Times and Flash Art. Mulroney currently lives and works in Rochester, NY.

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