

# DAVID KLEIN GALLERY

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*KELLY REEMTSEN: PATTERN*

June 22 – July 27, 2019



*Miss Fit* – 2019, Oil on panel, 60 x 80 inches

David Klein Gallery, 1520 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, is pleased to announce the opening of *PATTERN*, a solo exhibition of new work by Kelly Reemtsen. A reception for the artist will take place on Saturday, June 22, 6 – 8 PM.

*Pattern: A reliable sample of traits, acts, tendencies, or other observable characteristics; A clear and detailed archetype or prototype; A particular way in which something is done, is organized, or happens.*

Reemtsen continues her investigation into the challenges faced by contemporary women with her latest body of work and her fifth solo show with David Klein Gallery. She seeks to address patterns found in the prejudices women face in conducting their careers, families, and well-being in a world that hasn't markedly changed in generations. Reemtsen's ongoing commitment to advocating for gender equality is now more relevant than ever.

Allowing her subjects to select from an impressive arsenal of tools, Reemtsen ponders her central question: what will it take for women to get attention, to be heard, to make a difference, to be equal? These savvy female characters arm themselves to overcome and conquer barriers that stand in the way of recognition. They will not fade into the background, disappear from view, or become invisible.

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Reemtsen is known for her use of thick layers of lushly colored oil paint applied in broad brushstrokes, like frosting on a cake. For this exhibition she has taken her work to a commanding new scale, expanding her compositions to fit 8 x 10 ft panels and filling the space with billowing fabrics, multiple patterns, and a workshop's worth of tools. The beautifully rendered patterns are a tongue in cheek reference to the societal patterns that continue to exist and render women to a less powerful status than their male counterparts.

Kelly Reemtsen is a painter and print maker. She trained at Otis Parsons, Los Angeles, CA, California State University, Long Beach, CA; Art Center, Pasadena, CA; and Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI. She has produced her editioned prints in multiple residencies including Advanced Graphics, London, England; Flying Horse Editions, Orlando, FL; Wingate Studios, Hinsdale, NH; Her paintings and prints have been exhibited in the U.S. and abroad since 1996. Reemtsen lives and works in Los Angeles

Join Kelly for a printmaking workshop on Sunday, June 23 from 2–4 PM at David Klein Gallery, Detroit. Participants will create their own unique letterpress prints designed by Kelly Reemtsen. There is no charge for the workshop, but you must reserve your spot. To register please email [audrey@dkgallery.com](mailto:audrey@dkgallery.com) and include your name and phone number. You will receive a return email confirming your participation.

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