

# ELEPHANT ROOM, INC.

## ART GALLERY

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Chicago-*The Peculiar Manifestation of Paint in My Life* will be exhibiting at Elephant Room, Inc. May 3rd - June 12th, 2010. This new series showcases large-scale oil paintings by Chicago-based emerging artist, Jennifer Cronin.

Cronin's beautifully rendered figurative oil paintings focus on the psychology of the domestic space, personal space and the imaginative space in which our minds can take us. The figure in each painting is a self-portrait of the artist, whose fears are manifested through ominous forms of paint within the space. Sitting on the surface of the canvas, the paint breaks the peace of these quiet, interior moments in which the artist finds herself. "Building upon the ubiquitous but often concealed psychological underpinnings inherent to suburban life, my paintings create an absurd mythology of the seemingly banal." - Cronin The result is a beautifully composed painting that vibrates with captivating tension and anxiety.

Cronin was born and raised in Oak Lawn, Illinois. She attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she earned a BFA in painting and art education, while pursuing her interest in psychology. During this time, she developed an interest in psychological dramas that present themselves within domestic spaces. This interest eventually became the subject of her paintings. As the capstone of her education, she studied painting at Camberwell College of Art in London, completing her education in March of 2009. Since graduating, Cronin continues to paint in her studio at the Fine Arts Building in Chicago.

The opening reception for this exhibition is Friday, May 7th 6-10pm. The evening will feature live classical music provided by harpist, Tricia Leja from Berwyn, IL. The closing reception is Friday, June 11th 7-9pm. The gallery is hosting a live sketch event all day Saturday, June 12th for the final day of the exhibition. Jennifer Cronin will be in the gallery doing live sketches for visitors to purchase throughout the day.

