



## Vanessa Smith

Lives and works in London, UK

### Education

- 2003-2004 **Wimbledon College of Art**, MA, Fine Art  
1998-1999 **Kingston University**, BA Hons, Fine Art Painting  
1998-2000 **Kingston University**, Foundation in Art and Design

### Exhibitions

- 2017 **Moniker Art Fair**, TAG Fine Arts, London  
2017 **AAF New York**, TAG Fine Arts, Metropolitan Pavilion  
2016 **AAF Singapore**, TAG Fine Arts, F1 Pit Building  
2015 **AAF Battersea**, Mark Jason Gallery, London  
2015 **AAF New York**, TAG Fine Arts, Metropolitan Pavilion  
2015 **The London Art Fair**, Mark Jason Gallery, London  
2014 **AAF Singapore**, TAG Fine Arts, F1 Pit Building  
2014 **AAF Battersea**, Mark Jason Gallery, London  
2014 **AAF New York**, TAG Fine Arts, Metropolitan Pavilion  
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2011 **AAF New York**, TAG Fine Arts, Metropolitan Pavilion  
2011 **The London Art Fair**, Mark Jason Gallery, London  
2010 **AAF New York**, TAG Fine Arts, Metropolitan Pavilion  
2010 **AAF Battersea**, Mark Jason Gallery, London  
2010 **Relay**, Core Gallery, London  
2009 **AAF New York**, TAG Fine Arts, Metropolitan Pavilion  
2009 **AAF Battersea**, Mark Jason Gallery, London  
2009 **The London Art Fair**, Mark Jason Gallery, London  
2008 **AAF Amsterdam**, Mark Jason Gallery, Holland  
2008 **AAF New York**, TAG Fine Arts, Metropolitan Pavilion  
2008 **AAF Battersea**, Mark Jason Gallery, London  
2008 **The London Art Fair**, Mark Jason Gallery, London  
2007 **ARTLONDON**, Mark Jason Gallery, London  
2007 **AAF New York**, TAG Fine Arts, Metropolitan Pavilion  
2007 **AAF Battersea**, Mark Jason Gallery, London  
2007 **The London Art Fair**, Mark Jason Gallery, London  
2006 **AAF New York**, TAG Fine Arts, Metropolitan Pavilion  
2006 **AAF Battersea**, Mark Jason Gallery, London  
2005 **Art Futures**, Bloomberg Space, London  
2004 **Extension**, Wimbledon College of Art, London  
2004 **Intermissions**, Space 44, Hackney Wick, London

## **About the Artist**

Before painting, Smith began illustrating comic books in which she was able to depict scenes of defined narratives into a box. From creating these boxes of imagery, she transferred the bold graphic lines into her paintings of rooms. Exploring both her interest in design and traditional painting by contrasting flat linear elements with intricate oil-painted details; using the stark contrast of styles to make the image more striking. Inspired by dystopian novels, film and American landscapes, Smith creates atmospheric scenes of decay and abandonment. The still life of an aftermath. The box shape of the room is a skeleton, in which the narrative is fleshed into place by the composition and layering of objects influenced by music and literature. These scenes allow the viewer to enter the room, assess the situation and create their own interpretation.