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Shiva Ahmadi: Apocalyptic Playland

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Shiva Ahmadi's third solo exhibition will be on view at **Leila Heller Gallery** from February 21 – March 23. **Apocalyptic Playland** will feature new paintings, works on paper, and will also include the artist's first foray into video work. A catalogue with an essay by **Heather Ecker**, Head of Curatorial Affairs of the Aga Khan Museum, will accompany the exhibition.

Although on the surface Ahmadi's works appear vibrant, playful, and even mythical, they nevertheless deal very much with the harsher sides of reality. Through thick layers of generously spread opaque reds and purples, Ahmadi's delicate final touches consist of ornate floral patterns painstakingly applied with metallic gold ink. By creating such a lush world that is at once beautiful and captivating, yet ultimately destabilizing and unsettling, the artist explores the sugar-coating and detachment that comes from corruption.

Artists: **Shiva Ahmadi**

Open: Thursday, 21 February 2013

Close: Saturday, 23 March 2013

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Opening hour: Tues - Sat | 10 am - 6pm; Monday by appointment

Closing day: Mon

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