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Melodie Provenzano *It's My Birthday!*

*** Artist's Reception Friday, February 12th, 2010 - 6-9pm**

* Exhibition dates: February 12 – March 8th, 2010

* Gallery hours: Monday - Saturday 11-7, Sun. 12-6.

* Gallery location: 175 Seventh Avenue, New York (NE corner of W.20th and 7th Ave.)

* Nearest Subway: C, E exit 23rd @ 8th Ave. 1,9 exit 23rd @ 7th Ave.

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Lyons Wier Gallery is pleased to present "*It's My Birthday!*" an exhibition of new work by New York based artist Melodie Provenzano.

Still-life drawings of toys and figurines are the subject matter included in Melodie Provenzano's artwork, but their arrangements and iconography are the crux of it. These meticulously rendered compositions allow a brief glimpse into the artist's personal world. They function as dreamscapes that offer many interpretations but are based upon root emotions like love, longing, and hope.

Set forth as mock dramas, the paintings tell a tale that oscillates between fantasy and reality, accomplishment and disappointment, understanding and bewilderment. They build narrative momentum as the audience begins to assign meaning to the objects, and unravel the specificity of the icons. Deciphering each painting and drawing, the viewer begins to see the 'bigger picture' as they assess and assert how the set-ups that are drawn from life actually imitate it.

Melodie Provenzano graduated with a BFA from the Parsons School of Design in 1996. She was recently included in *Playing Around* at the Brattleboro Museum, Brattleboro, VT and *Champagne & Baloney* at Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York.



Melodie Provenzano, "Si Faustine" 2010, graphite and mixed media on paper 12" x 12"