

THE GALLERY AT THE WATERFALL BUILDING

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Jack Wass

(VANCOUVER, BC—May 20, 2016) Vancouver-based artist Jack Wass' captivating new series, *Paragons*, will be displayed in the Gallery at the Waterfall Building from May 29th to June 11th. This unique exhibition includes eight edgy black and white paintings, which capture stylish women from the waist down.

The Gallery at the Waterfall Building is proud to be the first venue to exhibit this new series. The inspiration behind *Paragons* comes from a fascinating conversation Wass had with a friend at Vancouver Fashion Week in 2015 about her experiences as a lucid dreamer. As the artist puts it, "That night I had a very vivid dream, where I saw a painting of her (in my technique) from the waist down and holding out the flowing white skirt she was wearing". This dream's vision had a strong impact on Wass and he felt that he could turn it into an interesting series of paintings...and he did! This series of oil paintings were adapted from a photo shoot that the artist directed and shot using models and a variation of clothing ensembles, all with great texture and style.

Jack Wass' interests led him to many different places and experiences before settling in Canada in 2006. From studying Art and Art History in the UK, to serving as a Police Officer in the Norfolk Constabulary, to travelling the world, Wass went in many directions before becoming the artist he is today. While travelling in Australia, his passion for photography started to grow, which evolved into a career here in Vancouver. Now, Wass' work involves manipulating his photographs and transforming them into oil paintings on canvas.

Wass' art has been part of many past events. He was part of two group exhibitions at the ROAM Gallery, did a live demonstration as part of the Art Focus Artists' Association, was exhibited at Art World Expo and presented his work in the VIP Skylounge at Vancouver Fashion Week, just to name a few.

The *Paragons* exhibition will take place at The Waterfall Building at 205-1540 West 2nd Avenue Vancouver, Canada from May 29th to June 11th, 2016. Jack Wass will be present at the opening reception on June 2nd from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The Waterfall Building is open to visitors during the week.

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