

TORCH Gallery

is pleased to present

Recent photowork

An exhibition by

DAVID DREBIN

TORCH Gallery is pleased to present *Recent photowork* the first solo show in the Netherlands of Canadian photographer David Drebin (CA). The exhibition *Recent photowork* will run from the 1st of March through the 12th of April 2008.



Since he graduated in 1996 from the Parson School of Design, Toronto-born New York-based photographer David Drebin has made a name for himself as a visionary ad campaign maker and editorial artist. Among his clients, internationally famous names such as Davidoff, Vanity Fair and Rolling Stone confirm the stature of who, in less than a decade, has become one of the most successful fashion photographers living today. With a portfolio including portraits of celebrities such as Charlize Theron en Angie Stone, one could be tempted to ascribe Drebin's

success to that of the showbiz and the entertainment industry. Drebin's world is indeed lush and glamorous, crowded with bimbos, sport cars and postcard sunsets. As he states "for me, the most gripping photographs are either funny and sexy, sexy and sad or sexy and funny without being sad". Yet, although Drebin is definitely more than a mere photographer –he is an entertainer and his own best publicity agent, both highly helpful talents to break through in the profession– the alluring aspect of his photographs is but an incentive to get people's attention. As his compilation of works shot all around the world, *Love and Other Stories* reveals, there is no place in his world for mindless enjoyment nor contempt for the unwelcomed. Saturated colors and attractive compositions insinuate tragic narratives and feelings of deficiency and loss. Halfway between Richard Avedon and Guy Bourdin, Drebin's staged photographs won't fail to immediately unleash "some type of emotional response," which as he further states, "would be the ideal".

Recent photowork, photographer David Drebin's first solo show in the Netherlands will open on the 1st of March from 16 till 18 hrs and will run through the 12th of April 2008 at TORCH Gallery, Amsterdam.

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