

For immediate release:

# Sam's Desktop III



## dan proops

**The Empire Gallery presents Dan Proops' 2008 Solo Show**  
**Empire Gallery, 30 Vyner Street, London E2 9DQ**  
**May 1<sup>st</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

In the sell out show 'Sam's Desktop' (2006), Dan Proops referenced modern life from Internet porn to the Iraq War. In Sam's Desktop II (2007), Proops addressed our ambivalent relationship with images, our cynicism of the mechanics of global branding and our constant yielding to its power.

International online cultural magazine Flavorpill described the show as "dark, defiant and shocking."

In this riveting new show, Proops creates a collection of dazzling and powerful pieces, including a reworking of Velázquez' 1632 'Christ on the Cross'. In this transcription Proops constructs an image of human frailty and suffering, reworked with great tenderness to create a shocking new dimension.

With a simplicity which honours the greatness of the original, he adds a digital panel, familiar from

Proops integrates our obsession with the fleeting progression of technology with the epic tradition of fine art painting. He has taken the Microsoft OS as a subject matter for paintings in oil on canvas is pioneering new theories relating to the design concepts and visualisations that contribute to the design of the modern day operating system.

Proops, who has been exhibiting since the age of fourteen, is an Honours graduate from Goldsmiths whose work has been exhibited in over twenty five shows in London including Cork Street and The Serpentine Gallery.

He has been represented by art dealer Eric Franck with whom he has exhibited at Art Brussels and The London Art fair. He is a sought after artist for major private collectors including the cartoonist Tom Johnston and award winning BBC Documentary maker Michael Cockerel. Recently Proops was involved with the Microsoft DesignIT competition for IT professionals to design new systems for their favourite charity.

Private View and First Thursday: Thursday 1st May 2008 , 6-9pm R.S.V.P [elinor@DegreeArt.com](mailto:elinor@DegreeArt.com)  
Exhibition runs: 1<sup>st</sup> May – 13<sup>th</sup> May 12 -6pm at The Empire Gallery, 30 Vyner Street , London , E2 9DQ

*For further information on Dan Proops please contact Lisa Agasee 07970 727801 [lisa@lisaagaseepr.com](mailto:lisa@lisaagaseepr.com)*

*Watch Dan Proops discussing his previous solo show Sam's Desktop II on YouTube [click here](#)  
View images of [Sam's Desktop 1, 2006](#) and [Sam's Desktop 2, 2007](#)*



**'Christ on the Cross, Censored' 84" by 54" Oil on canvas, 2008**