

# JOHANSEN GALLERY

## PRESS INFORMATION

### **Pictures of Pop Culture and Beauty Craze**

#### **Erik Mark Sandberg – *Picture Day in the Garden***

*Exhibition at Johanssen Gallery 10th July to 30th August, 2009*

*Opening Friday, 10th July 2009, 7pm*

It's not easy to escape the glitz and lure of celebrity magazines and popular culture, especially when living in the glamorous world of Los Angeles. Erik Mark Sandberg critically comments on this world by highlighting the influences of the pop-industry in his controversial portraits. The „Hairy Children“ play among flower still lives at Johanssen Gallery from 10th July to 30th August, 2009.



Sandberg draws his ideas from his daily environment. Random observations, reports in the media or a collection of personal photos and snapshots inspire him. His works comment on everyday life; they approach their subject with subtle humour and flashy colours, always leaving room for interpretation.

Sandberg compares his practice to mathematical experiments. He combines the most different images – photographs, screen prints, painting, and digital works – makes them overlap and takes them away again to find an equation that works.

Erik Sandberg's life is as diverse and experimental as his art. The former child actor, certified motor mechanic and graduated artist received several medals from the

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“American Society of Illustrators” for his illustration work and teaches printmaking at the universities in Pasadena and in Northridge, California.

## **Erik Mark Sandberg**

Born 1975 in Minnesota, lives and works in Los Angeles, USA.

### **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

2008 *The Equilibrium of Glamour* Jonathan LeVine Gallery, New York.

2005 *Project Room* Mendenhall Sobiestki Gallery, Pasadena.

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Following press material of Erik Mark Sandberg is available:

