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Kimberly Brooks: *Thread*, September 10 – October 22, 2011

Opening Reception: Saturday, September 10, 2011 6pm - 8pm

Taylor De Cordoba is pleased to present *Thread*, a solo exhibition of new oil paintings by Los Angeles-based artist **Kimberly Brooks**. The exhibition will run from September 10 - October 22. The gallery will host an opening reception on Saturday, September 10 from 6pm-8pm.

In her latest body of work, Kimberly Brooks continues to explore portraiture, specifically the complexities of representations of female identities. While in her previous series, including *Mom's Friends* (2007) and *The Stylist Project* (2010), the artist used figures to construct narratives, here the female form is part of a broader abstracted landscape. And while earlier portraits boasted an uncanny likeness to their subjects, Brooks' style has shifted into something that is simultaneously looser and richer. Facial features have been abstracted and bodies distorted. Fashion and costume, a longtime theme for Brooks, is also deconstructed. Once painstakingly rendered folds and drapes have been reduced to their essential shapes and color fields. In these sumptuous new images, Brooks continues to address questions about how we frame beauty, and the phenomenon of fashion as a both pop culture and artistic touchstone. Taken as a whole, the new paintings create a meta-narrative that contemplates "threads" that define, unite and separate us across different cultures and eras.

Kimberly Brooks' work has been featured in numerous juried exhibitions organized by curators from the Whitney Museum of American Art and the Museum of Modern Art. Her work has been featured in myriad publications including the *Los Angeles Times*, *Art Ltd.*, *Daily Serving*, *The Huffington Post*, *Vanity Fair*, *Vogue*, among others.

For additional information and images, please contact Heather Taylor at 310-559-9156 or heather@taylordecordoba.com. Taylor De Cordoba is located at 2660 South La Cienega Blvd in Los Angeles, CA. The gallery is open from Tuesday – Saturday, 11AM – 6PM.