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## **CARL WHITE : To The Wonder**

**May 22 - June, 2025**

**Artist Receptions / Thurs May 22. 5-8 & Sat May 24. 1-4**

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Calgary, AB – Christine Klassen Gallery is pleased to present “To The Wonder,” a new solo exhibition by Calgary-based artist Carl White, opening May 22, 2025. Known for his poetic, layered paintings that bridge time and memory, White’s latest body of work is a powerful meditation on the collapse of historical boundaries—and the surprising places where reverence still resides.

In *To the Wonder*, Renaissance angels no longer hover above altars but descend into graffiti-laced alleyways and concrete cityscapes. By interweaving classical iconography with contemporary urban imagery, White constructs visual palimpsests that disrupt traditional art historical hierarchies. Gilded halos meet spray-painted tags, and sacred forms are recast through the lens of the everyday.

“These works are not about nostalgia,” says White. “They’re about reimagining what’s possible when we let the past and present speak to each other—loudly, and sometimes messily.”

The result is a series of striking, hybrid compositions that explore belief, beauty, and contradiction in equal measure. *To the Wonder* invites viewers into a liminal space where the divine and the profane coexist—and where wonder emerges from their collision.



*God Is A Woman (Bacchanal)*, oil on canvas, 50 x 38 in.



*Empire*, oil on canvas, 36 x 36 in.

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**ABOUT THE ARTIST** Carl White was born in Liverpool (UK) and studied painting, drawing and graphic design at the Alberta College of Art and Design (now AUArts) in Calgary. Known for his contemporary take on classical or Romantic subjects and techniques, White’s work has been widely exhibited and collected both nationally and internationally for over twenty years, including The Whyte Museum of the Rockies in Banff in 2019 the Art Gallery of Grand Prairie in spring 2021. Carl’s work is represented in galleries across Canada and the United States. Carl is co-founder and facilitator of 500 Collective, a hub of artist studios/art collective in the Manchester Industrial area. Carl is an active educator, mentor and creator within the creative community in Calgary.

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