



## V1 GALLERY PROUDLY PRESENTS

### SUMP

A solo exhibition by **Shane Bradford**

OPENING: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10. 2012. TIME: 17.00 - 22.00

EXHIBITION PERIOD: FEBRUARY 11 – MARCH 10. 2012.

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*"From the grey damp filthiness of ages  
White gold and pearls stolen from the sea  
Lingered upon the pools that stand in drains  
Over and over and over and over  
Like a monkey with a miniature cymbal  
The joy of repetition really is in you  
There's no need to sell your soul  
He's already in you  
Once more to the breach my friends, once more!  
Kneel before the grave – a brave son  
Why am I soft in the middle?"*

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With SUMP Shane Bradford draws from the luscious puddle of cultural history that has been collected discreetly on the plush carpet of modern life. Up to the ankles in the creative novelty that amounts to a cultural inheritance, Bradford subjects the riot of new objects and information to precise formulations of process and order. These material and conceptual interrogations (the notorious 'dipping' process for example) are a means of testing the fractal reality of the mind and the chaos of humanity against the illusion of society and self.

Conscious of the increasing affect of context on the meaning of things, the influence of Time is pre-empted and accounted for. The temporal status of the work and the exhibition is acknowledged and interwoven, while the boast of masterly authority is graciously suspended in favour of a more candid description of our situation as it stands. Braiding ideas together from myriad strands of thought and practice that seem to congeal at certain points is the holistic work of the contemporary gnomon. Different schools of thought cross one another in what Voodoo culture calls the Kalfou...the crossroads. Which fork you take is less important than the fact of the action itself - of moving.

SUMP constitutes a willing manifestation of arguments and actions ('hints and allegations') and concessions to the noble form of what is known as ('Parklife') ART.

SUMP is Shane Bradford's (UK, born 1971) second exhibition at V1 Gallery. Bradford has recently shown in London and Munich. He was awarded the Celeste Art Prize in 2007.

We look forward to seeing you.

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