

**For Immediate Release**

## **Mark Parrish**

### ***Let's All Drink to the Death of a Clown!***

**Saturday, April 28th – Sunday, May 28th**

**Opening Reception: Saturday, April 28th 7 – 10pm**

**Special Video Screening at 9PM by Round One Pictures**

#### **Gitana Rosa Gallery**

19 Hope Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, #7 (btw Roebling and Havemeyer St.)

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**Gallery hours:** Thursday-Sunday 1-7pm and by appointment

**Brooklyn, NY–Gitana Rosa Gallery** invites you to attend the opening reception of *Let's All Drink to the Death of a Clown!* A series of new paintings inspired by the Mark Parrish's latest short film titled "The Shadow Boxer" (Currently in pre-production, release in Winter 2007.) There will be a reception and special screening at 9PM, with the artist on Saturday, April 28th from 7-10pm at the **Gitana Rosa Gallery** located on 19 Hope in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. There will also be a musical performance still to be determined.

"The Shadow Boxer" is the story of Puncho the Boxing Clown. It centers on the ending bout where he is knocked out and finds himself drifting out to uncertain seas. Thrown overboard Puncho is engulfed with his memories of innocence and images of his preminent death.

The show is part narrative and part portraits based on the storyboards of the film. Parrish portrays Puncho using heavily textured, luscious and vibrant colors that betray the sullen backdrops and themes of our sad clown. The clown, sweet and melancholy, jokes and punches his way through his wounded world. Parrish's work begs to be translated into our own lives. Puncho is the clown in all of us - funny, tragic and masked.

Mark Parrish lives and works in Brooklyn for ten years now and received his MFA from the Parsons School of Design in 1999. Before that he graduated with a BFA from Atlanta College of Art. Parrish has exhibited in solo shows in New York and Atlanta, GA. Also, in several group shows in NY, CT and FL.

*Gitana Rosa Gallery is Williamsburg's first green gallery. 15% of sales from the space go towards a revolving list of local and national environmental non-profits. [gitanarosa.com](http://gitanarosa.com)*

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