



WILL COTTON: PAINTINGS, PRINTS AND DRAWINGS

January 30 – February 14, 2018

CROSSLEY GALLERY

The Ringling College's Fine Art and Illustration departments are pleased to present *Will Cotton: Paintings, Prints and Drawing* in the College's Crossley Gallery.

Will Cotton is a painter's painter. Working primarily with only five colors he creates lush paintings full of vibrancy and life. Originally inspired by the board game Candyland, Will paints utopian landscapes and portraits, composed of sugary desserts and candies, often inhabited by female figures. His work explores our relationship with gluttony, beauty, desire and indulgence. Widely recognized work of his includes the 2010 Katy Perry music video for "California Gurls," for which he served as the artistic director.

The exhibition will include more than a dozen works ranging from oil paintings on linen and paper as well as sketches and prints. Along with finished works, the exhibition will emphasize his process and show how he goes about creating his work. Additionally, his monograph book *Will Cotton: Paintings and Works on Paper* will be available for signing and purchase.

Events:

- February 7th, 6:30 - 8:30pm, Lecture, Panel Discussion/Q&A with book signing in the Larry R. Thompson Academic Center Auditorium . Free and open to the public
- Feb. 8th, 6 - 8pm, Gallery Reception, Crossley Gallery, cash bar and refreshments. Free and open to the public.

For more information on receptions, talks and events, please call or email Joe Fig

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Crossley Gallery is located at 2400 Old Bradenton Road on the Ringling College campus in Sarasota, Florida. Valet parking will be available for all events.

This exhibition is sponsored by Ringling College Advancement, Fine Arts and Illustration Departments of Ringling College of Art and Design.

Image: Will Cotton *Katy Cupcake Dress*, 2010 oil on paper 55 x 48 inches Courtesy of Mary Boone Gallery