

## *AESTHETIC OF THE FRAGILE* Mathias Spriet

18 July – 22 August 2009

Private View - Thursday 16 July 6.30 – 9pm

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flyer commission / Mathias Spriet / edition of 50 linocuts  
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The two Jonnys are extremely pleased to present *Aesthetic of the Fragile*, a solo exhibition by the Belgian artist Mathias Spriet. Mathias will be showing a selection of delicate pencil drawings, a single canvas and a wall based sculpture. His work involves direct translations of forms found in nature, often working from weeds, which he thinks of as unpretentious.

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### AESTHETIC OF THE FRAGILE

We're surrounded by bold, simplified images designed to grab our attention. However, these images rarely convey reality or earn our respect. While being full of attractive and desirable objects, it's rare to find true beauty within their composition. These images have a function, subtlety and fragility make them inefficient.

Fragility can be perceived in many ways: something easily broken, something subtle, something only experienced for a single moment in its present state or something so delicate that the investigation of its very being is awe inspiring; providing a moment of clarity in ones thoughts. This momentary lucid experience, when the brain is temporarily liberated from its tribulations, is a moment of beauty brought about by that image or object.

Mathias Spriet pursues the aesthetic of the fragile using nature as a source of inspiration. He strives to capture a pure sort of beauty, often fragile and melancholy; the sort of fragility and beauty that is to be experienced and not just looked at.

IPS (Frances Berry, Tuur Delodder & Mathias Spriet)

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IPS is an artist-run gallery in Gent, Belgium. Since 2007 the space has presented a regular programme of shows featuring local Belgian and international artists. Their programme encourages artists to explore their practice, presenting challenging and uncompromising works.

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