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BILLY SULLIVAN: HOLLYWOOD CHRONICLES

June 28 - July 26, 1997

Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 - 5 Opening reception: Saturday, June 28, 6 - 8 pm

Regen Projects is pleased to announce a special project by New York artist **Billy Sullivan**. **Sullivan's** fin-de-siècle portraiture has chronicled the New York art world and the international fashion scene. For his exhibition at Regen Projects, **Sullivan** turns his sights on a segment of Hollywood--both aspiring and arrived--for his salon-style exhibit.

Many of the artists represented by Regen Projects have chronicled their environments (Wolfgang Tillmans, Jack Pierson, Richard Billingham, Catherine Opie, and Elizabeth Peyton, among others). In collaborating with **Sullivan** on a Hollywood project we tried to find a place where art and film intersect. We were interested in the hand-rendered, artistic interpretation of Hollywood, rather than the celluloid version of the artist's lifestyle. As well as a reciprocal examination of Hollywood as patron of the arts, and the art world as consumer of and willing participant in Hollywood.

Sullivan's work on Jim Brooks' upcoming movie, <u>Old Friends</u> (as the on set artist-consultant) dove-tailed nicely with his "Hollywood Chronicles" exhibit, providing a number of opportunities for portraits. **Sullivan** also followed some of Hollywood's younger generation (Sophia Coppola, Tatiana Patitz, Gina Gershon) and more established members (Kelly Lynch, Stockard Channing). **Sullivan's** flair for drawing renders his subjects in a flamboyant and whimsical manner, while his colorful, lyrical lines reinstate an old-world glamour. **Sullivan** has exhibited extensively in New York and throughout the U.S.

An opening reception for **Billy Sullivan** will take place on Saturday, June 28, from 6 - 8 pm at the gallery. For further information please contact Stuart Regen or Shaun Caley at (310) 276-5424.

^{**}Regen Projects will be open by appointment only through August 1-August 31, 1997