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Maya Gohill splashes onto the Canadian art scene

Native Calgarian returns home for debut studio opening

Calgary, AB— Maya Gohill, two-time award winner from the New York Society of Illustrators, made her Canadian debut with her studio opening in Calgary last night, attracting over 250 people to the event. Maya's inaugural event was also featured as the main story on the online magazine TrendHunter ( [www.trendhunter.com](http://www.trendhunter.com)).

Maya's unique style incorporates her current ideologies with her classical-based knowledge, resulting in truly evocative spiritually-based figurative work and portraiture. Her work has been credited by the New York Society of Illustrators both in 2002 and 2001, with awards for the paintings entitled "Bingo Pyjama" and "Namaste".

Emmy award winning and Internationally acclaimed puppeteer Ronnie Burkett says, "Seeing Maya's work is like meeting an old friend, a kindred spirit. Her cast of characters

breathe with the whimsy, frailty and gumption of the human experience, and, more importantly, she dares to show both the shadows and the light within her subjects".

Maya's describes her style as whimsical, magical realism. She finds much of her inspiration from the complex and interesting world around her, and the relationships within it. "Art has the potential to change perspectives in people," she says.

After several years of teaching as a tenured professor in the Los Angeles-area, Maya has recently returned to Calgary where she was born and raised. She earned her Master of Fine Art Degree in Illustration at the prestigious Academy of Art College in San Francisco, and holds a Bachelor of Fine Art degree in Painting from the University of Calgary.

Further information about Maya, and images of her work, can be found on her newly launched website:

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