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### ERIC FINZI | If Loving You is Wrong I Don't Want to be Right

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What thoughts lie behind our facial expression of emotions? How do we reconcile feelings that don't match our faces? For alchemist and painter Eric Finzi the answer in his haunting epoxy resin portraits of couples is never quite what it seems. Whether the happy lover only frowns in the mirror, or morphs into a suppressed alter-ego in a watery narcissus reflection, the emotional meaning of the protagonists glances is unclear. These emotional narratives invite closer inspection only to disappear into chaotic whirls of paint trapped in resin like ancient life forms found in amber.

Writer and art critic David Cleveland has described Finzi's creations as "echo chambers of the mind, where time and personality hang suspended: permeable as memory ... voices recalled in dreams. His work is Proustian in its depths and poetic evocations of memory on the verge of dissolution."

Finzi uses his studio as a laboratory with each painting an exacting experiment in which time, temperature and the polymerization of resins and pigments each play a distinct role in paintings that feel organic and continue to puzzle long after they are first viewed.

He describes his manipulation of his toxic medium- "the resin ends up doing a lot of the painting, it has its own intelligence. The thermodynamics of polymerization results in a certain chaotic type of order when you put pigment into it."

Eric Finzi has had recent solo gallery exhibitions of his work at Aidan Savoy gallery in New York, Billy Shire Fine Arts in Los Angeles, Perihelion Arts in Phoenix, Gallery Imperato in Baltimore, and Heineman Myers Contemporary Art in Maryland. He has also exhibited at the Bridge Art Fair, Miami and New York, Red Dot Fair in Miami and New York, Toronto Art Fair, Art Chicago, Affordable Art Fair in New York, and Art Fair 21 in Cologne. This will be his fourth solo exhibition with Perihelion Arts.



*Only a Little Thing* 48" x 48", epoxy resin, mixed media on wood, 2009

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