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RESTLESS BEAUTY

Sexy But Vacant – sound like the biography of a supermodel? In fact, it's the title of an exhibition of new paintings by Stephanie Smiedt. This artist likes to get under the skin of conventional beauty, using photographs taken from music videos and contrasting them with images from the mannerist period of art. Combining oil paint on linen, generic symbols from graffiti and fabrics from discarded curtains, Smiedt uses collage to investigate just how standardised our current perceptions are. In our relentless quest for perfection, could we be overlooking the beauty that lies in the flawed?

Opens 6.30pm and runs until April 23 at Wall Gallery, 115 Union Road, Ascot Vale. Tel: 9370 0030.