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## ARTE FUSE New York

### Gretchen Ryan Brings It to Singapore

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Last November 2011, Arte Fuse covered the show of Gretchen Ryan “Cheers in Heaven” and it was a beautiful exploration of capturing child innocence heightened by the provocative sexuality ingrained in the culture of competitive cheerleading.

This time the artist brings her A-Game to Singapore with her first exhibition “Hearts for Eyes” in Singapore along with her New York Gallery, Fred Torres Collaborations. The Los Angeles based artist will be showcasing new paintings, charcoal drawings, and photographs created for this Singapore show.

For years Gretchen has been working with young girls in the beauty pageant circuit and have rendered haunting portraits that captures the fragile stage where a girl is still this fresh dewy blossom against the glaring world of hypersexual standards of the subculture. Taking her style into the painterly 18<sup>th</sup> century British portraiture, Gretchen does not do straightforward representation of the idea and instead lets the subtle colors or emotions run courageously on the canvas. It is always a dichotomy

of what the girls personally struggle with and what society throws upon them. Essentially, they are just girls in the trappings of precocious women.

“The girls are more perfect than they will ever be, they thankfully have no idea what that means and won’t until it’s gone.” – Gretchen Ryan

Galerie Steph will be hosting the exhibition and was founded by Singaporean native, Stephanie Tham. Her education at Christie’s auction house in New York and in leading galleries of Manhattan gave her the expertise to organize Fernando Botero’s first-ever Singapore exhibition in 2004. The gallery is keen on identifying and representing emerging international artists such as Gretchen Ryan. For more information, please visit [www.galeriesteph.com](http://www.galeriesteph.com) or email at [steph@galeriesteph.com](mailto:steph@galeriesteph.com).

Gretchen Ryan: Hearts for Eyes  
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Gallery Schedule: Tuesday through Saturday, 12 – 7 PM