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AYESHA SULTANA **"BLUE VELVET"**

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PRESS RELEASE

Galleria Valentina Bonomo is pleased to announce the opening of the show "*Blue Velvet*" Ayesha Sultana on the 24th of October 2014 in via del portico d'Ottavia 13, Rome.

Ayesha Sultana joins us after a show at the Experimenter Gallery in Calcutta and a residency at the Delfina Foundation in London. She was awarded the residency for winning the Dhaka Art Summit Award 2014. **Ayesha Sultana** will be in Italy for the first time with an show titled "*Blue Velvet*" in which she will exhibit her "velvets" and a series of drawings.

The artist was born in Jessore, Bangladesh in 1984, she studied in Pakistan in Lahore with Rashid Rana and in Dhaka where she is a member of a group of artists known as "Britto".

Ayesha Sultana's velvets have a few words carefully sewn by the hand of the artist. They are not verses or parts of poems, but words that appear suddenly on a familiar landscape. The use of velvet a soft and enveloping material used in clothes and furnishings recreate a sort of familiar ambience that sets us at ease. But the cutting in of reality, sharply evoked by the embroidered words, breaks this tranquillity.

The drawings created during a trip to Campania are dedicated to Naples or rather to those tiny details of the city that charmed the artist. They are suggestions to read the harmony in small things, especially beauty.

There are also two small oil paintings, one of the fountain of a Roman Palazzo.

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