

Kristin Beaver paints portraits of people in cinematic poses, as well as occasional still-lives, inspired by the evolution of fashion, photography, dream-states, and the history of painting. Dramatic lighting and color illuminate subjects in photo-shoot and candid environments, exposing different emotional atmospheres, attitudes, and personalities. Kristin was born in Macomb, Illinois in 1979. She earned a BFA at Western Illinois University in painting and drawing in 2000, and soon moved to Detroit, Michigan for graduate school at Wayne State University and received an MFA in painting in 2004. She was represented by the David Klein Gallery in Birmingham, MI for 10 years and has shown throughout the United States and in Italy. Kristin was a recipient of the 2009 Kresge Artist Fellowship, and was an instructor at College for Creative Studies and Wayne State University for 10 years. Kristin lives between the countryside of Puglia, Italy and Illinois with her Italian husband and 2 children.