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m2 Gallery presents

**Robert Cooper**

*Mixed Metaphors (Descent into Hell)*

Exhibition continues until 29<sup>th</sup> June 2007

#### Statement

The piece exhibited is bringing together discarded objects found in my world. These are given a new significance by dipping the characters in liquid clay. The trauma of their transformation in the kiln further manipulates their being. The use of symbolic Renaissance colour to the surfaces augments the visual impact. This complex process reveals an interplay that theatrically illustrates my solidifying thoughts.

Ideas of vulnerability, transience and survival, personified in how toys are consumed and thrown away, becomes a metaphor for childhood and our position in the world.

#### The Artist

*Robert Cooper is a London based artist who has exhibited here and internationally. Work can be seen at the Contemporary Applied Arts. Percy street. London Barret, Marsden Gallery. Great Sutton Street. London.*

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