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REHEARSAL: CECILY BROWN @ MCA, SANTA BARBARA

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One of our favorite artists, [Cecily Brown](#), opened her first West Coast museum show recently at the [MCA Santa Barbara](#), entitled *Rehearsal*. Originally displayed at the [Drawing Center](#) in New York, the *Rehearsal* exhibition was and is the first presentation of the the British painter's drawings.

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From the museum: *Cecily Brown: Rehearsal* is the artist's first museum show on the West Coast and the first exhibition dedicated to her drawings. Arranged thematically, the more than eighty small drawings, large-scale works, and sketchbooks on view will foreground Brown's iterative reworking of motifs from her wide-reaching arsenal of source material—prints by eighteenth-century draftsman William Hogarth, pages from animal clip-art books, and the cover of Jimi Hendrix's 1968 album *Electric Ladyland* are just some of the images that Brown has rendered again and again in her own hand. These drawings are not studies for her paintings but rather a distinct form of aesthetic inquiry, one that isolates the investigatory impulse that grounds Brown's art in general.

Rehearsal will be on view through June 3, 2018.

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