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Extended Through August 31, 2010 **PATRICK GRAHAM - fact of the matter**

Los Angeles, CA - Jack Rutberg Fine Arts presents a major exhibition of monumental paintings and drawings by **Patrick Graham**, widely regarded as Ireland's most important contemporary artist. "**Patrick Graham - fact of the matter**" features Graham's most recent works and a number of the artist's most iconic, large-scale paintings of the last 25 years. Jack Rutberg Fine Arts is located at 357 N. La Brea Avenue in Los Angeles.

"**Patrick Graham - fact of the matter**" offers a rare opportunity to view a major presentation of Graham's works; some recently exhibited in the critically acclaimed museum exhibition "The Quick and the Dead" presented by the Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane.

This new Los Angeles exhibition of Graham's work is accompanied by a hardcover publication with insightful and provocative essays by art historians and critics, Marlena Donohue and Peter Frank, and Jack Rutberg.

Patrick Graham has been credited by art historians with changing the face of Irish painting, bringing it into the 20th and 21st century, and has been recognized by Ireland as a "living national treasure" through his induction into Aosdána since 1986. His impact on Los Angeles artists has been dramatically felt on those rare occasions when his works have been exhibited; the last time in 2002. Artists are conspicuously noted among Graham's collectors. Critical praise has been no less noteworthy.

Art critic **Donald Kuspit** has declared: "*Patrick Graham's paintings are masterpieces...on a grand physical, emotional and intellectual scale...they are among the most complicated, salient reflections on modern existence that have been made...*" And critic **Peter Frank** has observed: "*In Graham, Ireland finally has a painter-draughtsman to match its writers.*"

"**Patrick Graham - fact of the matter**" is presented concurrently with a rare exhibition of drawings by **Arshile Gorky**, "**Arshile Gorky: Sketchbook Drawings.**" Both exhibitions extend through August 31. Jack Rutberg Fine Arts is located at 357 N. La Brea Avenue. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For additional information on the exhibitions and/or the new Graham publication, telephone (323)938-5222 or email jrutberg@jackrutbergfinearts.com.

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