

**Bio:**

Jennifer King is a Los Angeles based painter, curator, and adjunct professor. She graduated from California State University Fullerton with a BFA in Painting and Drawing in 2011 and from Claremont Graduate University with an MFA in studio art in 2017. She currently works out of her Santa Ana studio, curates shows in the Los Angeles area, and teaches at Mt San Antonio College, California State University Fullerton, and Riverside City College.

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**Artist Statement:**

Painting primarily in oils on canvas, my work confronts themes of femininity, the male versus female gaze, and power in contemporary life. In an effort to add balance to the art world, my paintings of men approach the male nude in the same way women have been routinely painted throughout art history (especially European), as lounging, decorative, sexual objects. These men I paint are for the female viewer's enjoyment. Attractive male nudes surrounded by fruit and flora in surreal fantasy environments.