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GALLERIES—CHELSEA

CECILY BROWN

Brown's oil-on-linen paintings can be a bit like Rorschach tests that reveal you to have a dirty mind. Take the "Skulldiver" trio: you might see them as gorgeous abstractions—wild and lush, teeming with color and action—before noticing the wristwatch on an arm that leads to a torso and then to an unmentionable act. There's more to Brown's work than covert pornographic imagery, though. Her paintings thrill in their balance of precision and chaos. Through Oct. 25. (Gagosian, 555 W. 24th St. 212-741-1111.)

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