

TANMAYA BINGHAM

"For this exhibition, *Levels of Tolerance*, I have developed a series of artworks about five couples and their levels of tolerance for one another. Each colour pencil and mixed media work provides an otherworldly portrait of one of these couples along with various icons that populate their universe.

"The work is based on the assumption that the level of tolerance we have for our partner is determined by how we choose to perceive them. In investigating this idea, I met with each couple and talked with them at length about the dynamic of their relationship in order to gather material to translate into a visual form.

"For some, the word tolerance evoked pejorative connotations; 'If I am tolerating the other person then I would not be with them'. Others were aware that tolerance plays a role in their relationship. The different reactions to this theme have had an impact on how each relationship is depicted."

Tanmaya Bingham's next exhibition, *Levels of Tolerance*, will be staged at Brenda May Gallery in Sydney from 11 May to 6 June 2010.

Tanmaya Bingham, *Jack and Jill*, 2010. Colour pencil and mixed media on board, 220 x 120cm.
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