

# In Sickness and In Health, Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum



8 October 2021 — 9 January 2022

Opening times:

Tuesday to Friday - 10am to 3pm | Saturday & Sunday - 10am to 4pm

Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum,  
Royal Pump Rooms, The Parade, Royal Leamington Spa,  
Warwickshire, CV32 4AA



Matthew Krishanu's series *In Sickness and In Health* features paintings made across a fifteen-year period. These include portraits of his wife who is currently very unwell and regularly in hospital, alongside their daughter, painted as a small baby (in 2010), who features in the centre of the series.

These paintings show significant milestones in the artist's life taking place within a variety of interior settings. Two of these paintings make reference to the work of other artists. Indeed, paintings of women and children in domestic settings as well as domestic still- life works from the collection of Leamington Spa Art Gallery and Museum were a crucial starting point for Matthew.

Matthew's work typically combines autobiography with reference to the canon of art history. He has noted:

"I think of the paintings as coming from an interior place. I always have a personal connection to the subject matter."

Matthew's works resonate with the exhibition *Picture of Health: Art, Medicine & the Body*, which can be seen in the Main Gallery. Additionally, two paintings on paper by Matthew can be found as part of *HYPER-POSSIBLE* at the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum.







Girl on a bed, 2007  
Acrylic on canvas, 75 x 60cm





The Wedding Dress, 2009  
Oil on linen, 50 x 40cm





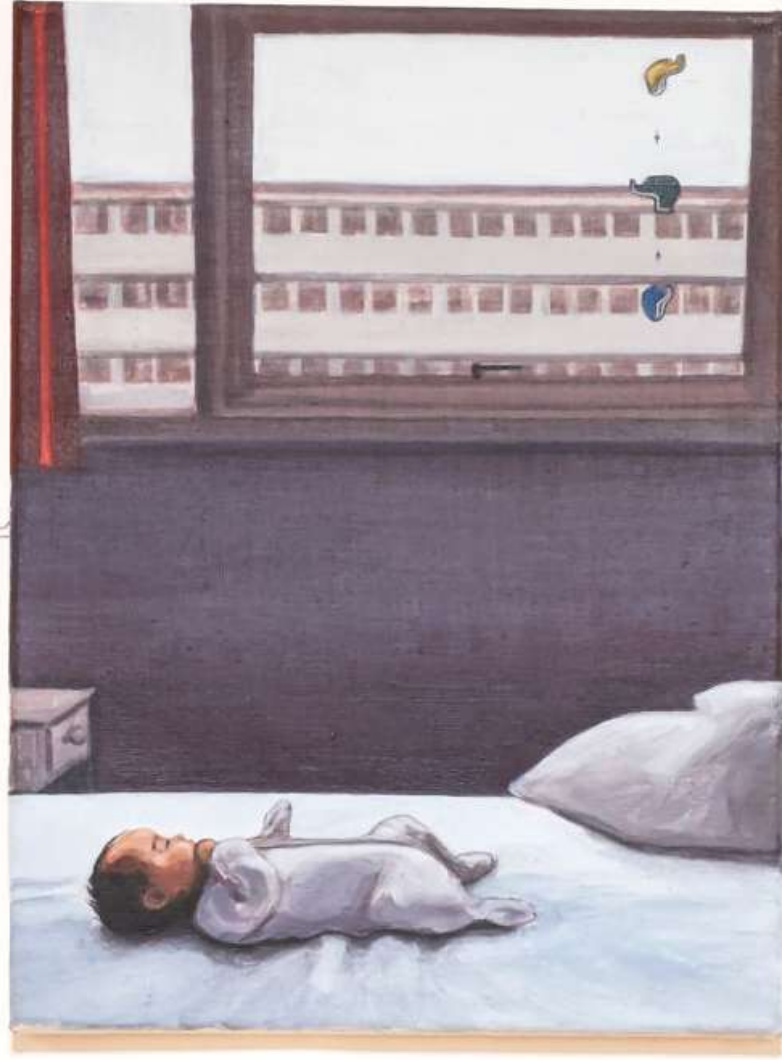
Girl with a book, 2007  
Acrylic on canvas, 50 x 40cm





Girl with Slippers, 2012  
Acrylic on canvas, 75 x 60cm









Room in Brighton (after Edward Hopper), 2010  
Oil on canvas, 34 x 40cm





Elephants, 2010  
Acrylic on linen, 40 x 30cm









Hospital Bed (Barts), 2021  
Acrylic on canvas, 55 x 70cm





Hospital Bed (Whipps Cross), 2021  
Acrylic on canvas, 45 x 35cm





The Convalescent (after Gwen John), 2021  
Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 30cm





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