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## **Rachel Rader: *Her Majesty***

*On Display at the Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios March 3 - April 1, 2011*

*Opening Reception: First Thursday, March 3, 6 - 8pm*

Pratt Fine Arts Center is pleased to present *Her Majesty*, a solo exhibition featuring new sculptural work by Rachel Rader, which will be on display at the Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios from March 3 - April 1. In *Her Majesty*, Rader explores beauty in excess through an enticing fantasy world featuring an installation of sculpture: decadent cakes, sparkling jewels, and finery fit for a queen.

*Her Majesty* is a fanciful display of over-the-top artifacts documenting a fairytale queen and the Utopian society she once ruled. Using lustrous materials like glass, precious stones, and metals, Rader expertly crafts an alluring tribute to the fallen matriarch. Rader draws on environmental destruction and imperialism to fuel her imaginary social structure where an undersea society lives happily in oblivious harmony within their watery environment. Guests will find themselves in the midst of a briny but exquisite afternoon tea in her majesty's parlor. Delight in the delicious spread and dazzling jewels in this haunting collection of sculpture.

Rader earned her BFA in Crafts and Material Studies from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has been in several group shows nationally, including *Accumulation* at Fancy in Seattle, WA and *Color* at Hodgell Gallery in Sarasota, FL. She is the recipient of Pratt's Jon and Mary Shirley Scholarship in Glass, which has awarded her this exhibition. Rader teaches at Pratt Fine Arts Center and works actively in the Seattle art community.

The Pratt Gallery at Tashiro Kaplan Studios is located in Seattle's Pioneer Square neighborhood at 312 South Washington Street, Studio 1A. Gallery hours are 12 -5pm Thursday through Saturday and by appointment.

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Pratt's Exhibitions and Lecture programs are sponsored by grants from 4Culture, National Endowment for the Arts, Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs, Adobe Foundation and the Washington State Arts Commission.

Top image: *Five Layer Starfish Crème Surprise Cake*, blown, sculpted and sand-cast glass, Austrian crystal, 23"x 10"x 10", 2010. Photo by Daniel Fox

Bottom image: *Five Layer Starfish Crème Surprise Cake* (detail), blown, sculpted and sand-cast glass, Austrian crystal, 2010. Photo by Daniel Fox

High resolution images are available upon request.

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