



Beyond the River (detail) 2007  
Mixed media on canvas

## PRESS RELEASE

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## Cecilia Vargas

### Silent Mirrors

An exhibition of paintings

19–29 SEPTEMBER 2007

Bolivar Hall

54 Grafton Way, London W1T 5DL

**PREVIEW:** Wednesday 19 September  
6.30 to 9.30 PM

In the introductory essay to the exhibition, art historian **Michael Jacobs** describes Cecilia's work as "...richly suggestive and poetic" where "the landscapes of her childhood probably take on in recollection an exaggerated vividness, as if to save her memories of them from fading."

For British essayist and novelist **Geoff Dyer** "...Vargas's paintings continue to breathe, to live, after they are finished, after they are removed from the studio in which they were made. They are not images but after-images. They are memories made from memories, paintings derived from previous paintings (abandoned, painted over). Sometimes they are paintings of memories she has never had, memories which did not exist until they had been created".

Colombian-born **Cecilia Vargas** has lived and worked in London since 1982, studying painting at Chelsea School of Art and an MA in Painting at the Royal College of Art. Her work has been exhibited in the UK and internationally for the past two decades. It can also be found in public, private and corporate collections in Europe, the US and South America, including four paintings commissioned by the **Bank of England** in 2003, the private collections of **Lord Gowrie**, **Sir Jeremy Isaacs** and **Ronan Keating**, and the corporate collections of **Citibank**, **Reuters** and **Unilever**.

Cecilia Vargas has exhibited with, among others, Gimpels Fils, Paton Gallery, Stephen Friedman, Crane Gallery, Berkeley Square Gallery, Galería Diners, and in art fairs in Cologne, London and Miami.

A selection of Cecilia's work can be seen at [www.ceciliavargas.com](http://www.ceciliavargas.com).

**Exhibition:**

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Bolívar Hall of the Venezuelan Embassy

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London W1T 5DL

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**Gallery hours:** Open to the public from 2.00 to 6.00 pm, Monday to Saturday

**Nearest tube:** Warren Street or Euston Station

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To download high resolution images of Cecilia's work, please visit [www.ceciliavargas.com/index.htm](http://www.ceciliavargas.com/index.htm) or email [cecilia@ceciliavargas.com](mailto:cecilia@ceciliavargas.com).

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