

sybarite \SIB-uh-ryt\,

noun: A person devoted to luxury and pleasure.

The Sybarites™ are 17" tall, all resin, ball jointed fashion dolls, bearing 19 points of articulation. They are inspired by modern day controversy that is human cloning and are all clones of the same 'genetics'.

To date there are 2 clones in Chalk White:
Venus d'Royce™ [clone: 0101] and D.C d'Royce™ [clone: 0102].

Since their inception in 2005 The Sybarites have become an under-ground collecting phenomena. With mass produced editions manufactured in China available in very limited editions, selling out at an astounding rate.

These editions are no comparison to the hand made, one of a kind, couture dolls that their creators make in their London studios.

Studio pieces, characterized by their matte white complexions, are fast becoming the most desirable *fashion object* on the planet.

The world of the Chalk White™ is a very private one, as is the world of Haute Couture. Individual dolls take up to 200 hours each to create and the 'concept' often runs beyond that of the imagination, to a place where their creators take the volatile messages sent out to society, presenting these messages with exquisite beauty, almost masking the truth behind the subliminal desires fashion, literature, art & society itself projects on the human psyche.

The first 'official' exhibition of these matte white goddesses known as 'Chalk Whites', was staged to a hand selected audience of 30 devotees in London in October 2006. It is with great pride that their creators, Desmond Lingard and Charles H. Fegen present the fifth such exhibit.

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This couture exhibition is inspired by the passions and obsessions people wear along with their everyday existence. Our 'illness and disorders' are often that of our own doing. It is often with our own secret joy of these compulsions that we make ourselves unwell. *The 'illness' being the pleasure.* The painful indulgence we revel in is here portrayed by, exquisite psychedelic beings hell bent on their own narcissistic pleasure. One dolls poison, is another dolls indulgence. Our madresses are our own, they are our luxuries and pleasures. They tinker with our sanity, but only because we enjoy it out there on the edge.

Works in miniature from a place where
Haute Couture and Doll making become ART.

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