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Oil paintings explore the development of female identity

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WATERLOO — The Robert Langen Art Gallery will feature the works of artist Bonnie Lewis in an exhibition entitled, *Growing Up Girl*. The exhibit, which runs from March 19 to April 12, 2008, explores how popular culture such as fairy tales, bible stories, myths and toy-culture defines and shapes the development of the female identity.

“This body of work investigates the terrors and seductions of the mysterious world of adults as encountered by prepubescent girls,” says Lewis. “Seduced by the desires created through childhood stories, the girls ignore the actual threats, boundaries and expectations that inhabit the world beyond their flowery pink bedrooms.”

Lewis graduated from the Ontario College of Art and has received multiple grants from the Ontario Arts Council and Canada Council for the Arts. She works and lives in Toronto and is represented by the Edward Day Gallery in Toronto.

As Wilfrid Laurier University’s visual arts centre since 1989, the Robert Langen Art Gallery provides knowledge, stewardship, appreciation and enjoyment of Canadian art and culture to the local community. The gallery is located in the John Aird Centre and is open noon to 5 p.m. from Wednesdays to Saturdays. Admission is free.

For more information on Lewis’ works, visit <http://pages.interlog.com/~acon2/lewis.htm>