



## Delia Brown ^

### Artist of leisure

A few years ago, the painter Delia Brown returned from a spell in New York to a single-family home neighbourhood a few blocks north of Venice. The buzz of her 'Sex in the City phase' was over, replaced by open water swims in the Pacific. Brown first earned critical attention, not all of it friendly, for her 'Guerilla Lounging' series, paintings of her girlfriends in the homes of wealthy collectors, arranged in decadent tableaux to create Monet-tinged portraits, drenched

in fine wine, lipstick and luxuries. Televisual glamour remained a concern, and the artist's current obsession is *The Real Housewives* series. Brown's original idea was to get cast as a 'housewife that painted' but she has scaled that back to pastoral portraits. In the first to be completed, Countess LuAnn, of the *The Real Housewives of New York City*, gazes from a private dock, languid in an open bathrobe, as she enjoys her morning coffee. It is the first of a series that could run and run.

PHOTOGRAPHED AT HER HOME IN SANTA MONICA, 9 JANUARY 2015

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#### SELECTED WORKS

**'LAST EXIT: PUNTA JUNTA', 2012**  
A GLAMOROUS FEMALE MILITIA PARTY ON ST BARTHS.

**'WHAT, ARE YOU JEALOUS?', 2000**  
BIKINI-CLAD WOMEN LOUNGE AROUND BEVERLY HILLS SWIMMING POOLS.