



Kristin Llamas

## *What is Temperance?*

Oil On Canvas

60 x 78 x 4 in

## DESCRIPTION/NOTES

About:

To have no wants is divine.

—Socrates

Part of the Socratic Dialogue Series. Created for solo exhibition at the Parthenon Museum in Nashville, TN. This large contemporary painting by Nashville artist, Kristin Llamas, makes for an incredible statement and conversation piece for that bold and modern art collector.

### ARTWORK INSPIRATION:

Socrates asserted that an indifference to material pleasures leads to happiness, that self-control rather than self-indulgence brings fulfillment. America's reputation is that of a land of excess: obesity, materialism, and greed, and in today's society the word temperance is most often associated with alcohol consumption. What if America were to collectively reject self-indulgence and join a program like Alcoholics Anonymous? This flagship of twelve-step programs established itself as a safe place by allowing a certain degree of anonymity, using only first names. America might walk into an AA meeting, fill out a name tag, stand up and say, "My name is America and I am intemperate."

The painting "What is Temperance?" was created for a K. Llamas solo exhibition for

## Other Information for *What is Temperance?*

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