

# GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

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**GINA MINICHINO**  
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George Billis Gallery is pleased to announce **Gina Minichino** and her work at the New York location. This exhibition will run from **April 26 through May 21, 2016**. The **opening reception** will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on **Thursday, April 28 from 6-8pm**.



Wonder Bread, 10x20", oil on panel, 2012

While Minichino depicts modern subjects such as junk food, her paintings are influenced by Dutch and Flemish masters' use of light and space. Similarly, Minichino draws on the 17th Century Dutch still life tradition, which depicted food in a way that almost reified it in sumptuous stillness. Minichino is also influenced by the work of contemporary painter Wayne Thiebaud. Like Thiebaud's paintings of candy and confections, which convey a simultaneous sense of both exuberance and loneliness, Minichino's work has a subdued, almost gothic sense of isolation despite its subject matter.

Speaking about her work Minichino says the following, "I love junk food. Who doesn't? In my latest series of paintings, I am presenting snippets of childhood.. images that I like to look at. Presenting these objects in a quiet and contemplative form, they can represent a time of joy or even bring out some darkness in their solitude. My desire is to bring a greater intimacy of these objects to the viewer, and represent a moment in time in the history of pop culture, and also all of our lives."

Gina Minichino received her BFA from the School of Visual Arts in New York in 1990. This will be her first solo exhibition at the George Billis Gallery, featuring a selection of her work from 2009 to the present.

The George Billis Gallery marks its 20th year in the Chelsea Art district and its sister gallery is located in the burgeoning gallery district of Culver City in Los Angeles. For more information, please contact the gallery via e-mail at [gallery@georgebillis.com](mailto:gallery@georgebillis.com) or visit our website at [www.georgebillis.com](http://www.georgebillis.com)



Pie, oil on panel, 2010, 8.75x11.75"

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