



Velvetpark's Official Top 25 Significant Queer Women of 2012

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"The Renaissance Woman" – Patricia Cronin, *Painter, Sculptor, Social Commentator*



While the art world clamors for the new and emerging talent, it is so much more satisfying to immerse oneself in the works of the consummate veterans of the art world. With a list of prizes (including the The Louis Comfort Tiffany Award and the Rome Prize), as well as a string of museum shows, Patricia Cronin is perhaps the most under-recognized critically acclaimed artist in New York. Cronin is married to a previous Top 25 recipient, artist Deborah Kass, who appears in one of Cronin's most celebrated pieces, "[Memorial to A Marriage](#)," a sculpted gravestone of the couple at Woodlawn Cemetery, where the two plan to be buried. This year Cronin's year-end show, *Dante: The Way of All Flesh*, explores the excesses and betrayals of corporate culture in the guise of her signature neo-classical flair.