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VIEWFINDER SPAGHETTI (2014) BY ROMINA RESSIA

The Argentinian photographer Romina Ressia is fascinated by Old Master paintings and often recreates them in her pictures always adding a twist of her own. After dressing her models in crisp ruffs, billowing silk, brocade, lace or velvet, and lighting them in the

manner of Velázquez, Van Dyck or Caravaggio, Ressia - who is having her first British exhibition this month - punctures the effect by inserting an incongruous prop. Fidget spinners, oriental waving cat figurines, bubblegum, and - as pictured here - a plate of pasta

have all made an appearance. Ressia says the process lends "fresh air" to the classical tradition, and intends her work to chart how, over the centuries, society has evolved and behaviour has changed. thehouseoffineart.com