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Almost famous artists

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Artist **William Walker** describes his style as cartoony and one-dimensional, “like the issues I’m dealing with.” Check out the 33-year-old Mississippi native’s celeb-centric work, including Gwyneth hanging out with Charles Manson (below left), at Bellwether Gallery in Brooklyn, N.Y., from April 19 through May 20 (www.bellwethergallery.com). Also showing at Bellwether is **Fritz Chesnut**, 29, whose current paintings are based on photos of fans taken at TRL and Today show tapings (below right). “The people are looking up at their idols, and it reminds me of religious artwork that’s based on people in a state of ecstasy,” the California transplant explains from his Brooklyn studio (www.fritzchesnut.com). Maybe this all stems from **Karen Kilimnik**, whose obsessions include the usual suspects (like Kate Moss, Liz Hurley, Alicia Silverstone, etc.) in a brand-new light. See the Philadelphia artist’s paintings at www.303gallery.com or at Galerie Hauser & Wirth & Presenhuber (www.ghwp.ch) in Zurich until May 11.