

## Northern Ireland's most exciting artists, Mann-Kler



**D**eepa Mann-Kler, born in Nottingham in 1969, spent her early childhood in India. She returned to England in 1977. She now lives in Killyleagh, Northern Ireland, with her husband Peter and two children.

Deepa has taken a year off work from the Equality Commission to pursue her dream of being an artist. Her work, "A Strange Kind of Peace", is being exhibited from February 4 to 29, 2008, at Belfast's Waterfront Hall.

The exhibition explores the idea of contrast. Equality and identity are the key themes of her work. She explores the inter-relationships between race and gender and our understandings of the spaces we inhabit and the symbols we use. The paintings invite us to consider how we define our understandings, and if we can create a sense of peace about the conflicting issues we encounter.