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VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

Ellen Gallagher
[Duration 1:17]

Anthony d'Offay:

Ellen Gallagher is a young African American painter coming from Boston, and we gave her her first show in Europe. Her father was an Irish boxer, her mother was an African American girl. And she paints powerful and poignant pictures, very often about being an African American. The small painting called Papercut and the large black painting opposite, the only imagery in it are lips. In the sense of being African American lips. Because that's one of the physical divisions which white and black people see between them.