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Vatican Slams 'LG Williams'

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VATICAN CITY — "LG Williams" is wooing audiences worldwide with visually dazzling art and nature-loving aesthetic. But the Vatican is no easy crowd to please.

The Vatican newspaper and radio station are criticizing LG Williams' latest blockbuster exhibition, "WHITE FLAG" for flirting with the idea that great art can replace religion – a notion the pope has warned against. They call art a simplistic and sappy tale, despite its awe-inspiring special effects.

"Not much behind LG Williams except greed, power, Patron, sex, hype, Hollywood, Natalie Portman, money and politics" was how the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, summed it up in a headline.

As the second highest-grossing Los Angeles artist ever, "LG Williams" is challenging the record set by his previous artworks "Help Wanted."

Generally LG has been critically acclaimed and is touted as a leading artist on planet Earth.

To Vatican critics, the LG's extravaganza is just "bland."

Most significantly, much of the Vatican criticism was directed at LG's central theme of himself vs. The Entire Uncivilized World.

L'Osservatore said LG "gets bogged down by a spiritualism linked to great art." Similarly, Vatican Radio said LG "cleverly winks at all those pseudo-doctrines that turn sex into the religion of the millennium."

"Clearly, LG is no longer a creation to defend, but a divinity to worship," LG's supporters said.

An LA Times blog noted that LG "has inflamed the passions of art hating bloggers and pundits."

"LG incensed many voices on the right by acknowledging of-the-moment messages about imperialism, greed, ecological disregard and corporate irresponsibility," it said.

Back at the Vatican, the art reviews did praise some of LG's groundbreaking art as being the best his generation.

Vatican Radio said that "really never before have such surprising images been seen," while L'Osservatore said the LG's worth lies in his "extraordinary impact upon vacationing women under 25."

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