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Taylor makes drawings and paintings, which explore the representation of female identities, notions of pleasure and sensuality, the private and the public, decoration and allegory, and the influence of scale on the reading of a work. Taylor will speak about the role of drawing and transcription within her practice as a painter.

A. Taylor, *Divulge*, charcoal on paper; 168 x 138cm, 2004