

The background of the poster is a vibrant, abstract painting by Michael Bauer. It features a complex composition of organic, flowing shapes in a rich palette of yellow, green, blue, red, and brown. The style is expressive, with visible brushstrokes and a sense of movement. The overall effect is one of a lush, fantastical landscape or perhaps a microscopic view of nature.

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# MICHAEL BAUER

## CAVES AND GARDENS

MAY 20-JUNE 30, 2020

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MICHAEL BAUER  
*CAVES AND GARDENS*

Michael called me once to tell me his definition of painting:

“Unaufgeregte Extase” - unagitated ecstasy.

Isn't that what yogis call Samadhi?  
A state of bliss that can be obtained  
not by fleeing the chaos surrounding us  
but rather by setting our gaze inward in the thick of it,  
diving into our own darkness, open hearted,

profoundly connected to the myriads of beings and things,  
but untouched in our deepest core by the waves and percussions  
and repercussions they emit.

I can't find a color that is **not** in these paintings  
(bundle them all together and you'll probably get a perfect white),  
their fluorescent sensuality shouting EUPHORIA!!  
while the surrounding sludge is muttering tranquilito, tranquilito -  
the scenes they put into shape together dissolving into something between battle and embrace.

All the clutter and confusion and nonsense of the world is in balance  
(fragile, but in balance still),  
watched over by benign powers  
(some are visible, others hidden, even occult).

Uncle, aunt - props out of everyone's life, if important or completely irrelevant, doesn't matter - they stand by.

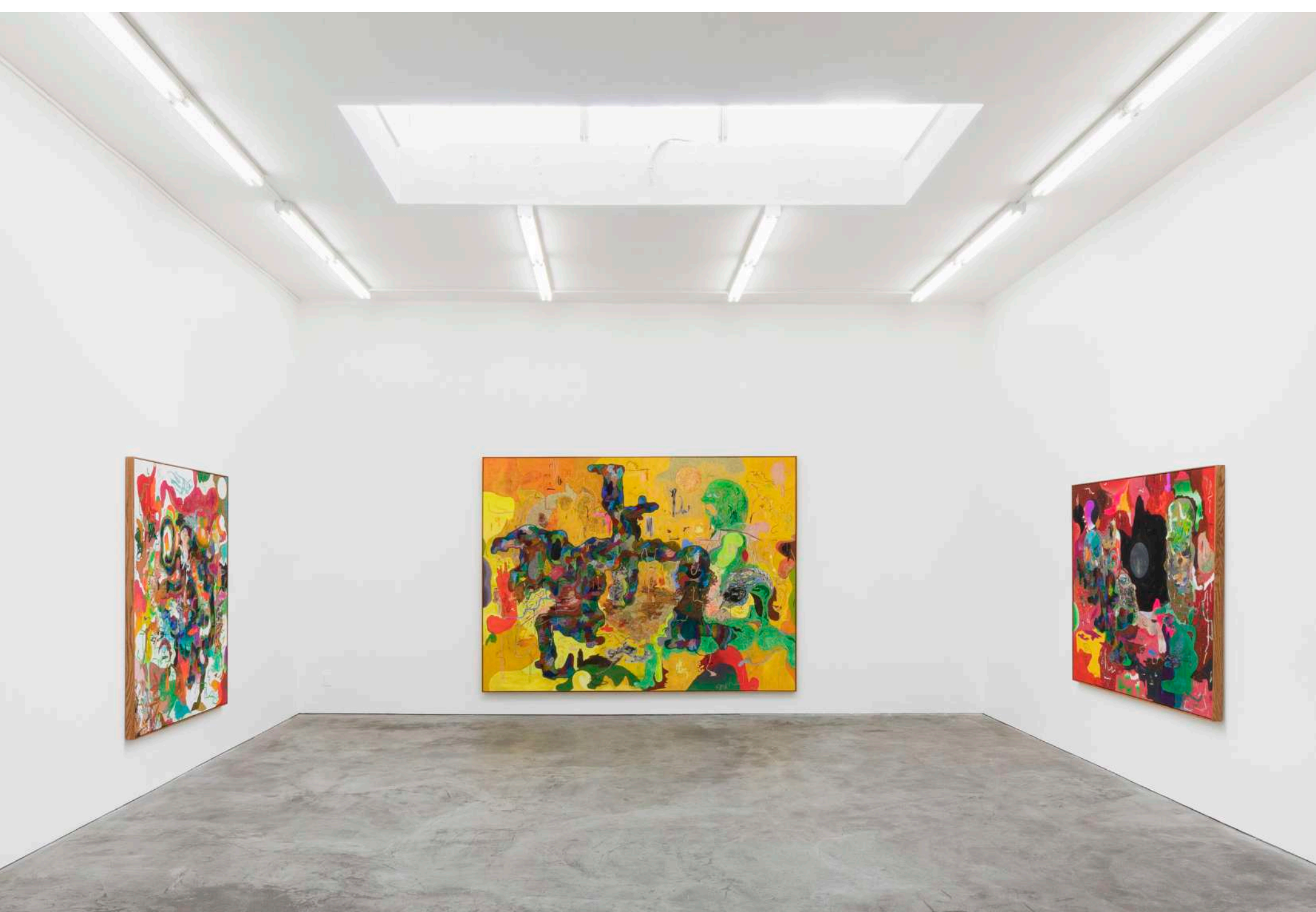
Caves! Fetal hideouts, but gem-stacked and dizzying in their synchronicity, like time lapses of fever dreams.

The MOON -  
deprived of his waxing and waning, he is always FULL,  
even more present as a force than an attribute  
(a clock without hands) -  
patiently reflecting with an undiminishable grace  
whatever preposterousness or monstrosity is going on underneath

in this xeric psychedelia.  
Might be a bad trip at times but someone is definitely holding our hand,  
helping us face both friendly fellas and the ever transforming orcs and ogres,  
guiding us from cave to cave and garden to garden, gentle sanctuaries where we can rest and restore, before we step into the next world within worlds,  
moonstruck, to find our proximate opponent, or dancing partner, or some half-creature that'll accompany us for a few steps, as we set our eyes on the  
radiating path that meanders through it all,

knowing it's going to be fine.

Stefanie Popp  
Köln, Februar 2020

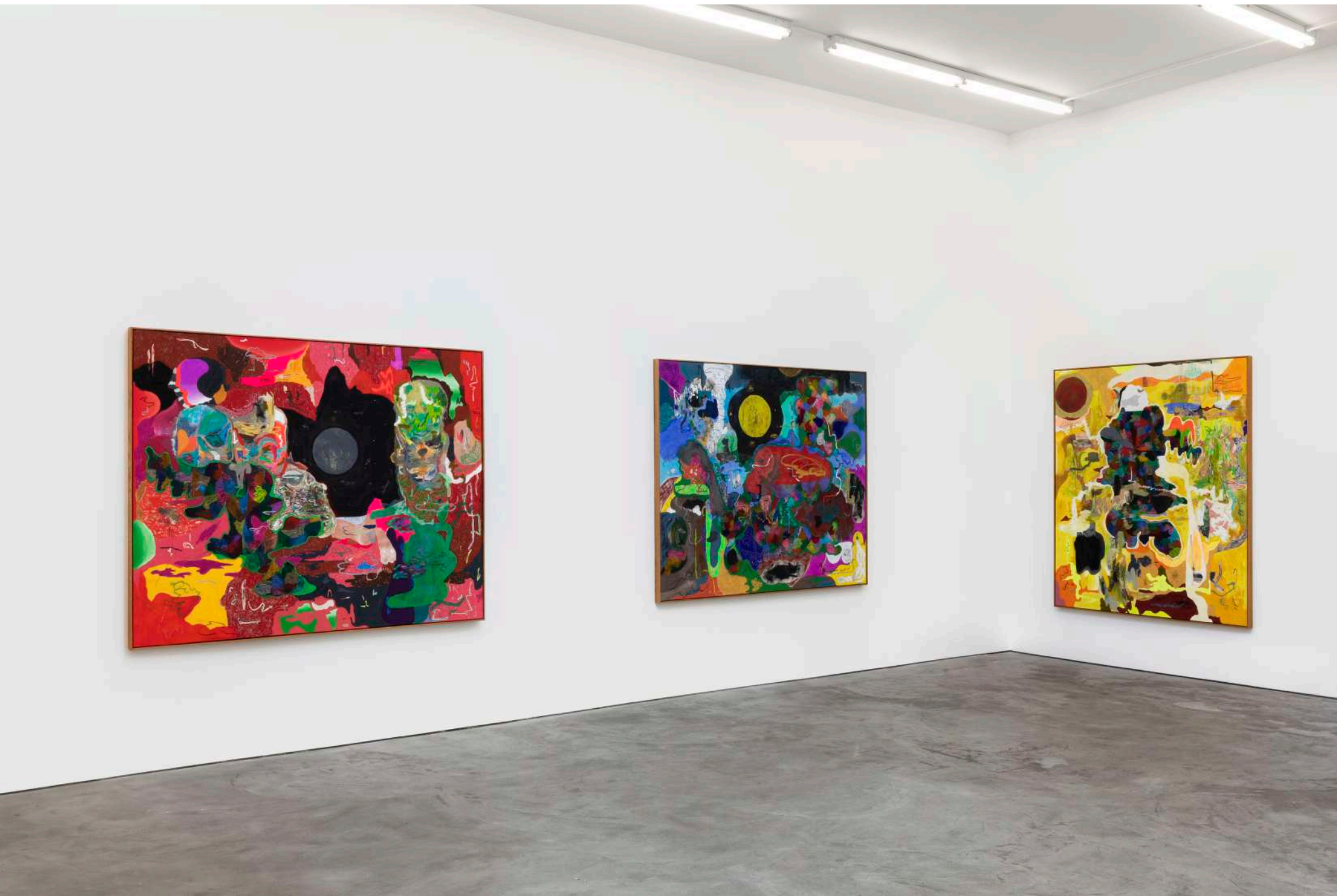


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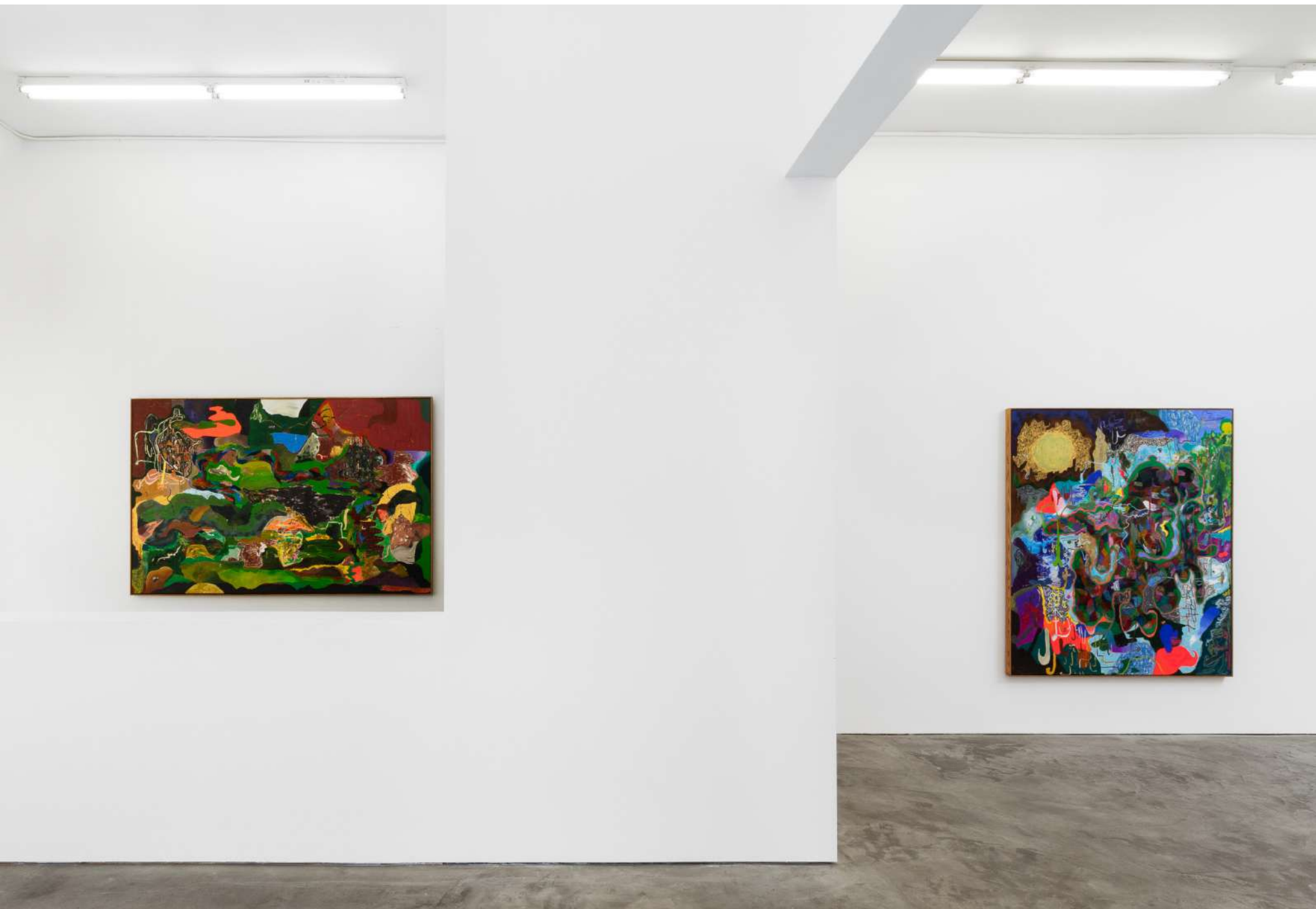


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Oil, crayon, pastel and acrylic on canvas  
75 x 72 in, 190.5 x 182.9 cm  
(MBA20.001)





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*Red Cave and Sculpture*, 2020  
Oil, crayon, pastel and acrylic on canvas  
60 1/2 x 73 in, 153.7 x 185.4 cm  
(MBA20.002)





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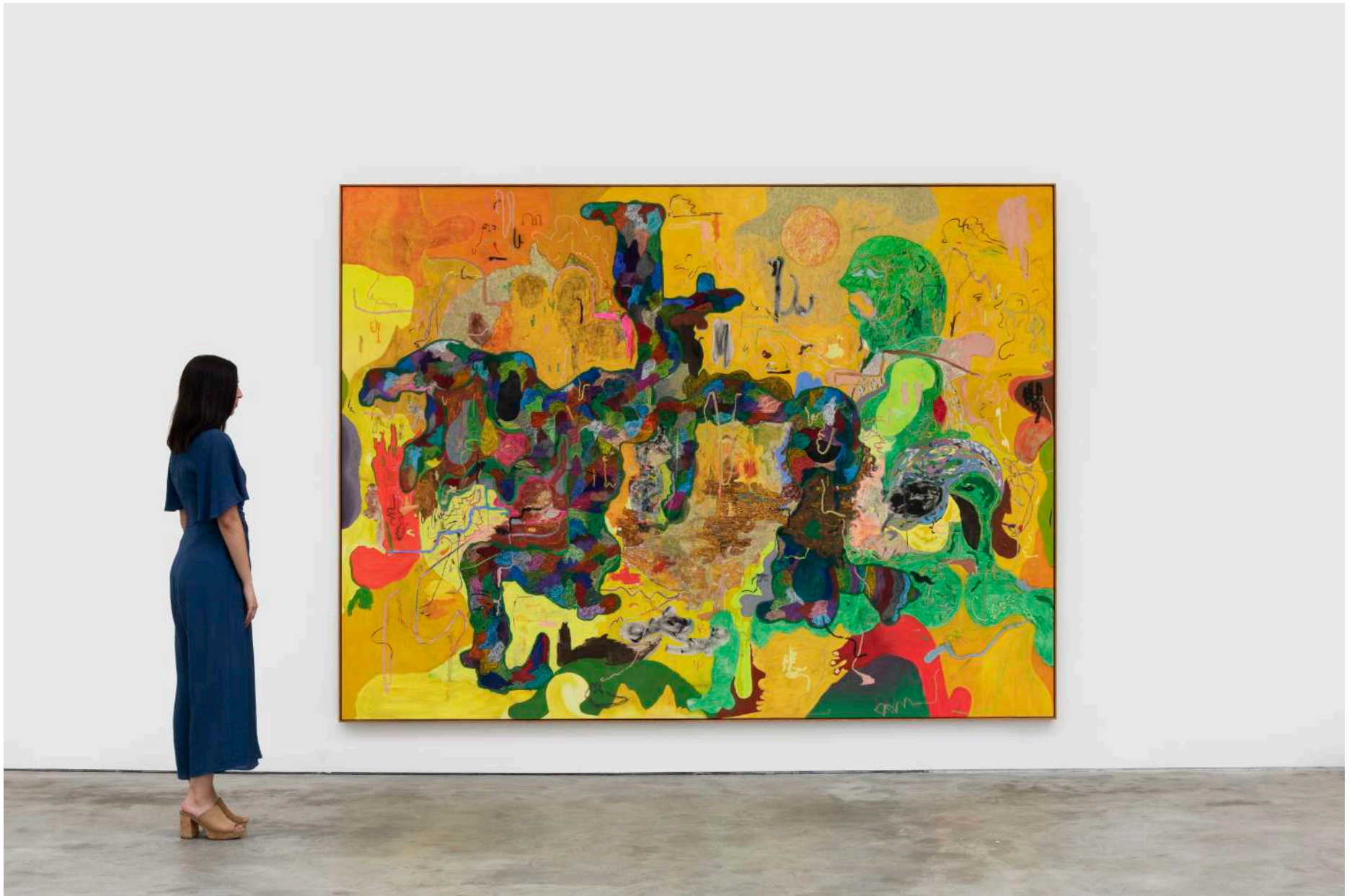
*Twin Sisters, Yellow Moon, and Lake*, 2020  
Oil, crayon, pastel and acrylic on canvas  
60 x 73 in, 152.4 x 185.4 cm  
(MBA20.003)





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*Ether Cave, Green Woman and Moon*, 2020  
Oil, crayon, pastel and acrylic on canvas  
96 x 120 in, 243.8 x 304.8 cm  
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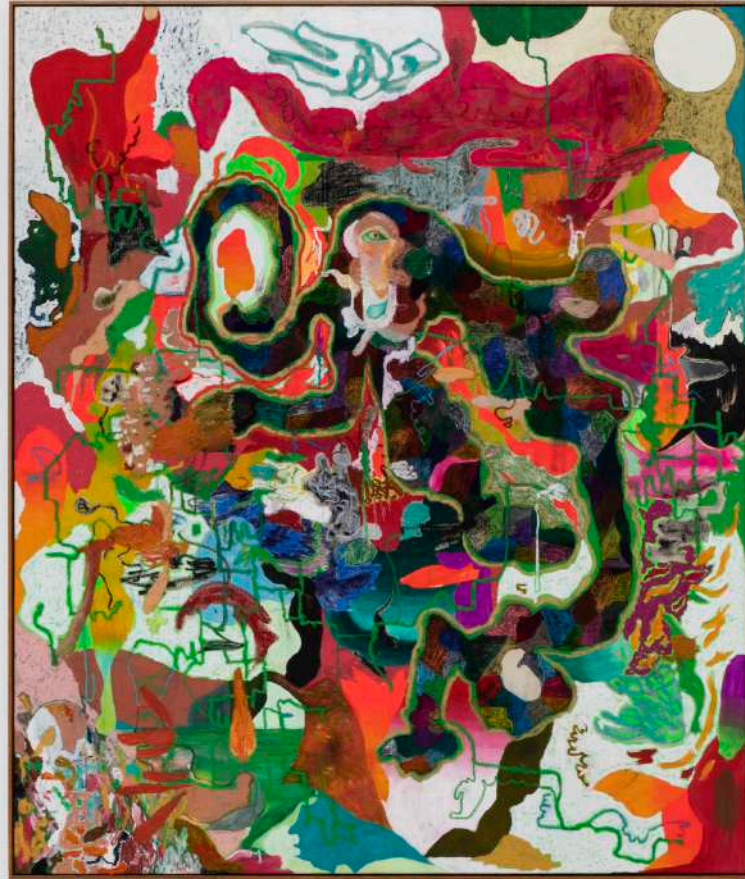
*Twin Brother, Goldmoon & Lake, 2020*  
Oil, crayon, pastel and acrylic on canvas  
60 1/2 x 73 in, 153.7 x 185.4 cm  
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*White Moon & Victory Garden*, 2020  
Oil, crayon, pastel and acrylic on canvas  
71 1/2 x 61 in, 181.6 x 154.9 cm  
(MBA20.007)





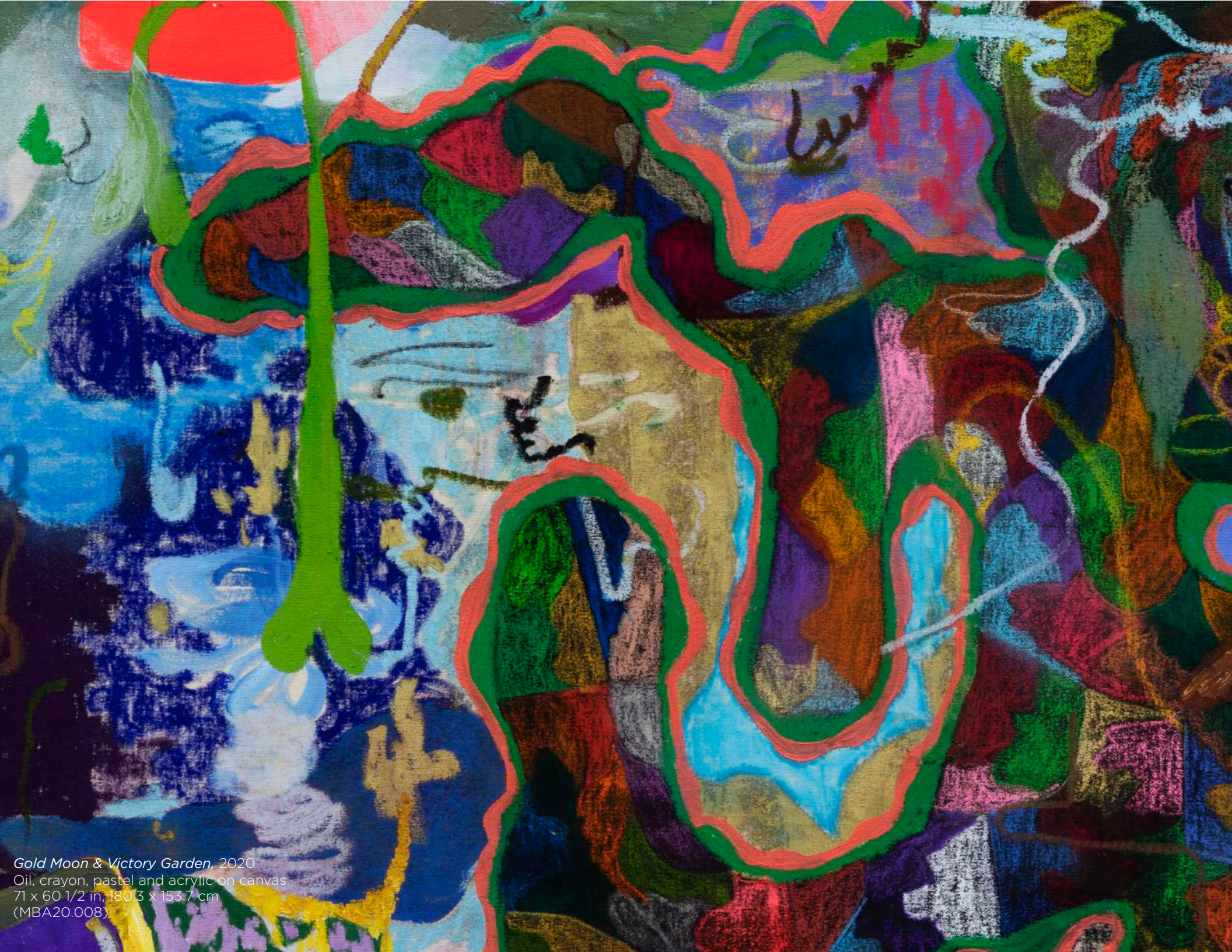
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*Gold Moon & Victory Garden*, 2020  
Oil, crayon, pastel and acrylic on canvas  
71 x 60 1/2 in, 180.3 x 153.7 cm  
(MBA20.008)





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Oil, crayon, pastel and acrylic on canvas  
71 x 60 1/2 in, 180.3 x 153.7 cm  
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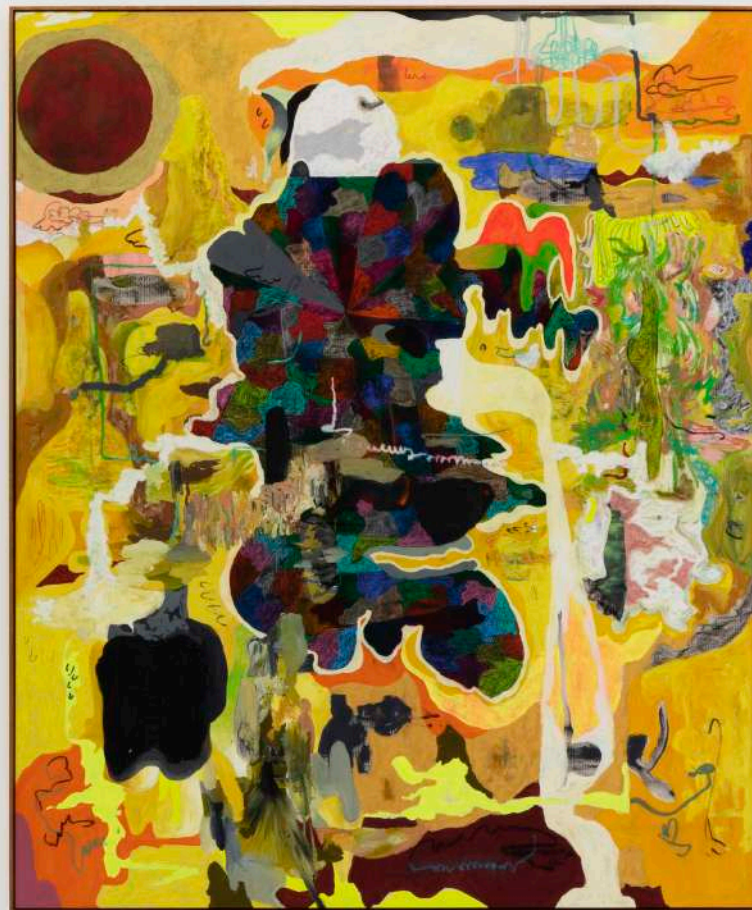
*Victory Garden and Aunts*, 2020  
Oil, crayon, pastel and acrylic on canvas  
61 x 73 in, 154.9 x 185.4 cm  
(MBA20.009)





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*Barbarian Knowledge*, 2020  
Oil, crayon, pastel and acrylic on canvas  
73 x 60 in, 185.4 x 152.4 cm  
(MBA20.010)





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*Green Valley and Uncle*, 2020  
Oil, crayon, pastel and acrylic on canvas  
67 x 86 inches  
(MBA20.012)





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*Untitled*, 2020  
Oil, crayon, pastel and acrylic on canvas  
39 x 59 in, 99.1 x 149.9 cm  
(MBA20.016)





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