

An abstract painting with thick, expressive brushstrokes in various colors including red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and white. The composition is dynamic and textured, with some areas showing more detail than others.

*Tamim Sipai*

THE GIRL WHO STOLE THE PEARL

# Biography

Tamim Sibai's artwork is heavily influenced by interactions with others and his observations of everyday encounters. His artistic focus centres on abstract portraits, which merge the artist's personal perspective with the painted subject to create an intimate blend. The portraits serve as character studies of both the individuals depicted and Sibai himself, reflecting his emotions towards his subjects. Sibai's exploration of questions surrounding identity, physicality, psychology, and mythology is evident in his portrayal of his subjects, oscillating between daydream and reality. Sibai's painting style is characterised by vivid colors and thick layers of paint, which he applies freely and expressively. His artwork is lively and serious simultaneously, with the figures evoking a sense of calm despite the wild and expressionist tone. The eyes of his subjects conceal their emotions but convey a sense of stillness and rigidity.

Tamim Sibai is a Syrian-born artist who was born in 1991 in Damascus. He currently lives and works in Berlin, Germany. Sibai received his Bachelor's degree in Painting from the Faculty of Fine Arts in Damascus, Syria, in 2014, and his Master's degree in Fine Arts in Painting from UDK, Class of Prof. Burkhard Held in Berlin, Germany in 2018.

Sibai's work has been featured in numerous solo and group exhibitions, including "Blooming Fairytale" at Mond Gallery in Berlin and "Blickwechsel" at Kunststation in Kleinsassen. Beyond the Pattern at Kalim Bechara Art Gallery in Beirut. He has also participated in various art fairs, including the POSITIONS Berlin Art Fair in both 2022 and 2023, Art Fair Cairo 2024, and MENART Fair in Paris 2025. Sibai received a graduation grant from the DAAD in Berlin, Germany. Sibai's work has been featured in catalogs, press, and workshops, and he has won awards for his exceptional artistic talent.



## About The Exhibition:

Tamim Sibai reimagines Vermeer's iconic Girl with a Pearl Earring through his bold, layered style. The calm serenity of the original is broken and rebuilt with vivid colors, textures, and raw emotion.

The pearl, once a symbol of purity or rebellion, becomes a metaphor for transformation, stolen from its stillness and placed into a world of energy and movement.

Sibai is inspired by the story and enduring mystery of Vermeer's painting—its unanswered questions about the girl's identity, her gaze, and the narratives that have fueled centuries of curiosity and critique. These open-ended questions resonate with Sibai's own artistic inquiry into identity and perception.

His portraits are intimate dialogues between the artist and the subject, between dream and reality. Here, the girl is no longer silent; she asserts her presence with vitality. Her gaze, once soft and reserved, now confronts the viewer with both vulnerability and strength.

By merging historical beauty with contemporary chaos, Sibai transforms Vermeer's muse into a new archetype: one that is untamed, alive, and endlessly compelling. The stolen pearl becomes freedom, an act of rebellion and agency against the constraints of tradition.



## **The Girl Who Stole The Pearl**

Diptych

160x260 cm

Acrylic and Oil on canvas

2025





## Floating Thoughts

120x100 cm

Acrylic on canvas

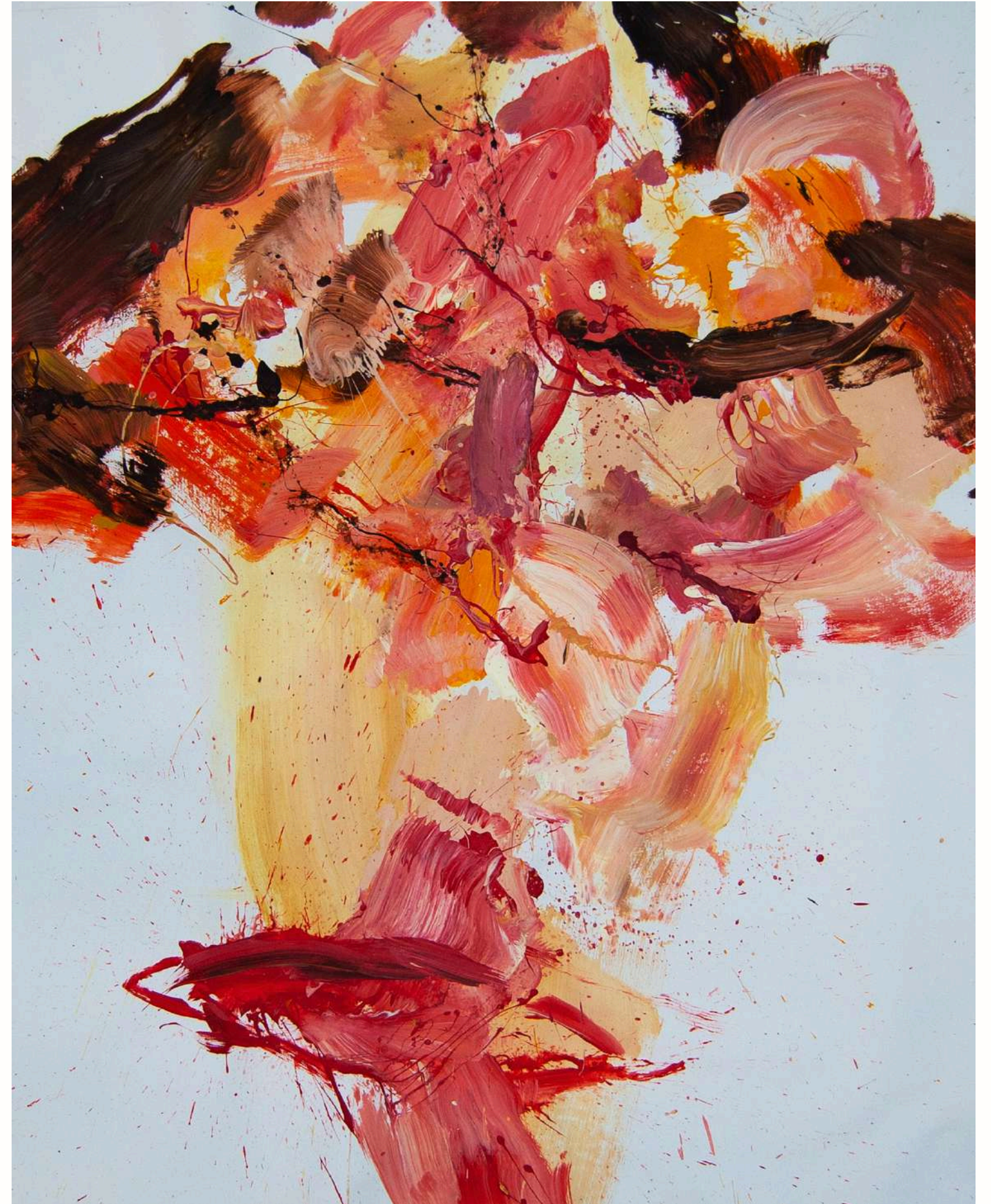
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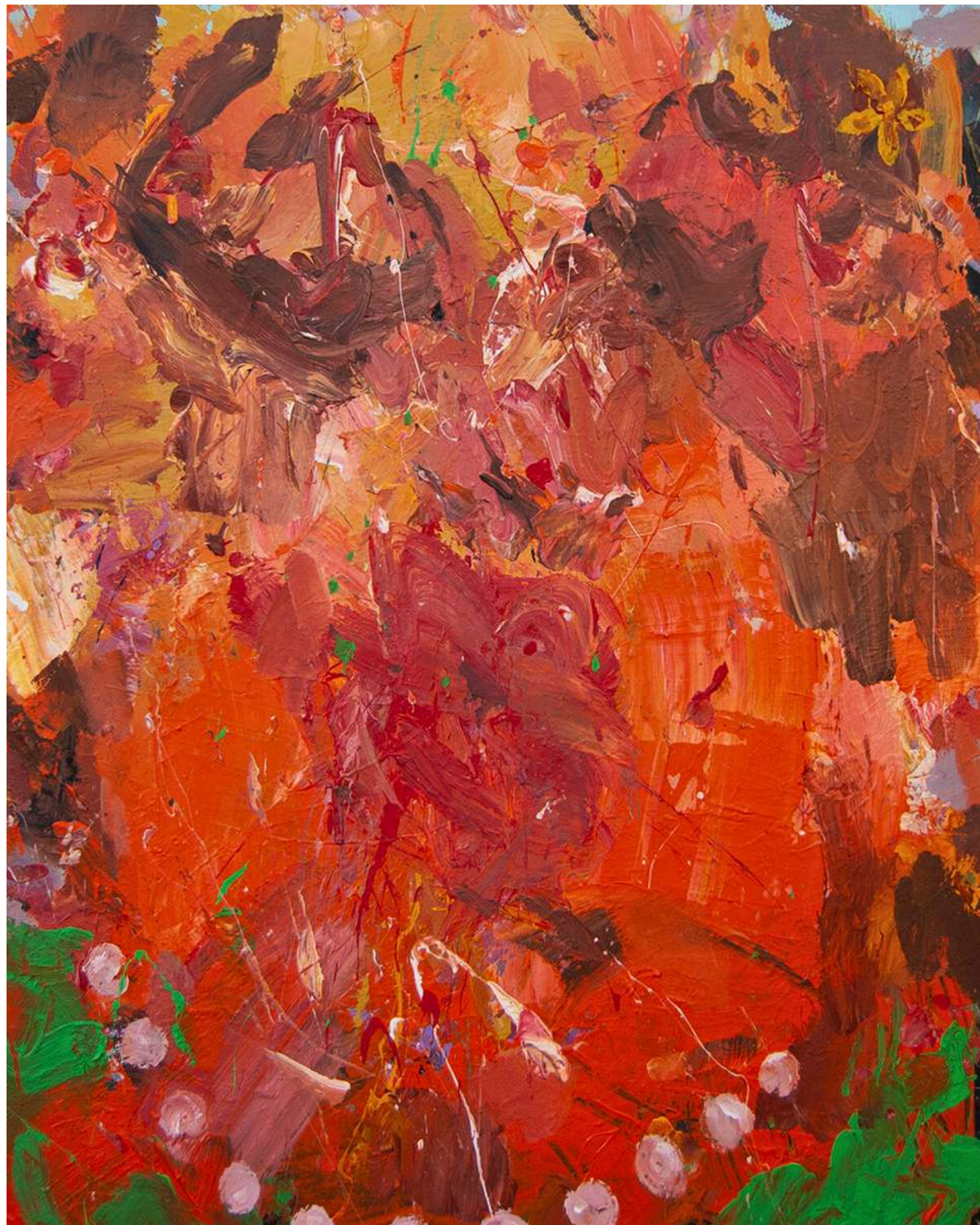
120x100 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2025







## **The Strength Of A Flower**

120x100 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2024





## **Hiding A Secret**

120x100 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2025



## **The Golden Necklace**

120x100 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2025





## Nothing Is A Coincidence

120x100 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2025

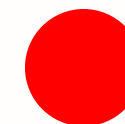


## A Long Night With The Stars

120x100 cm

Acrylic on canvas

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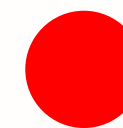


## J'Aime L'Odyssée

100x80 cm

Acrylic, Oil and Spray on canvas

2023







## **The Girl With The Blue Turban**

55x55 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2025



## **A Story That Never Dies**

55x55 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2025



## Happy Me

55x55 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2025



## No Way Back To Heaven

55x55 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2025

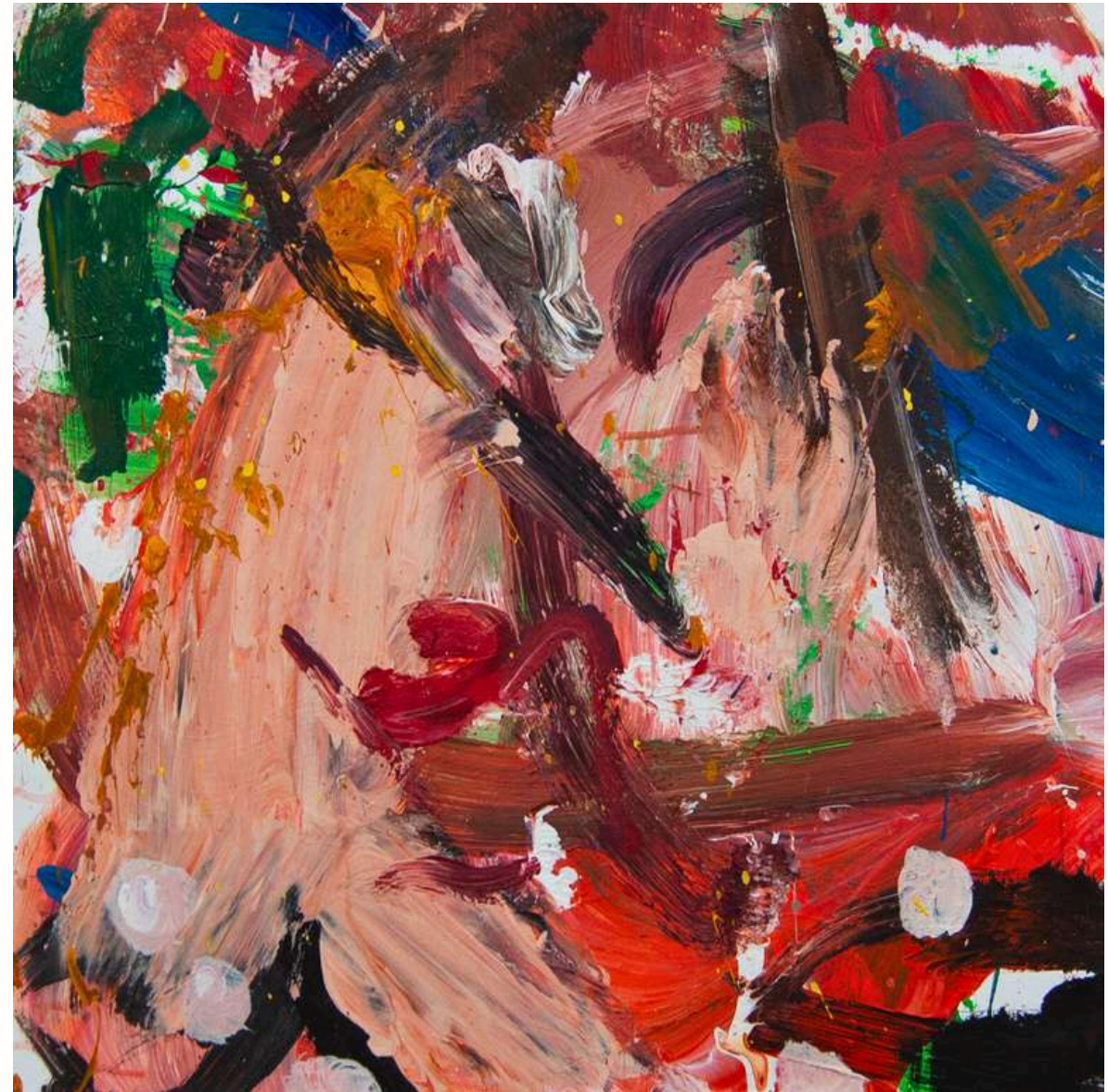


## Roller Coaster

55x55 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2025

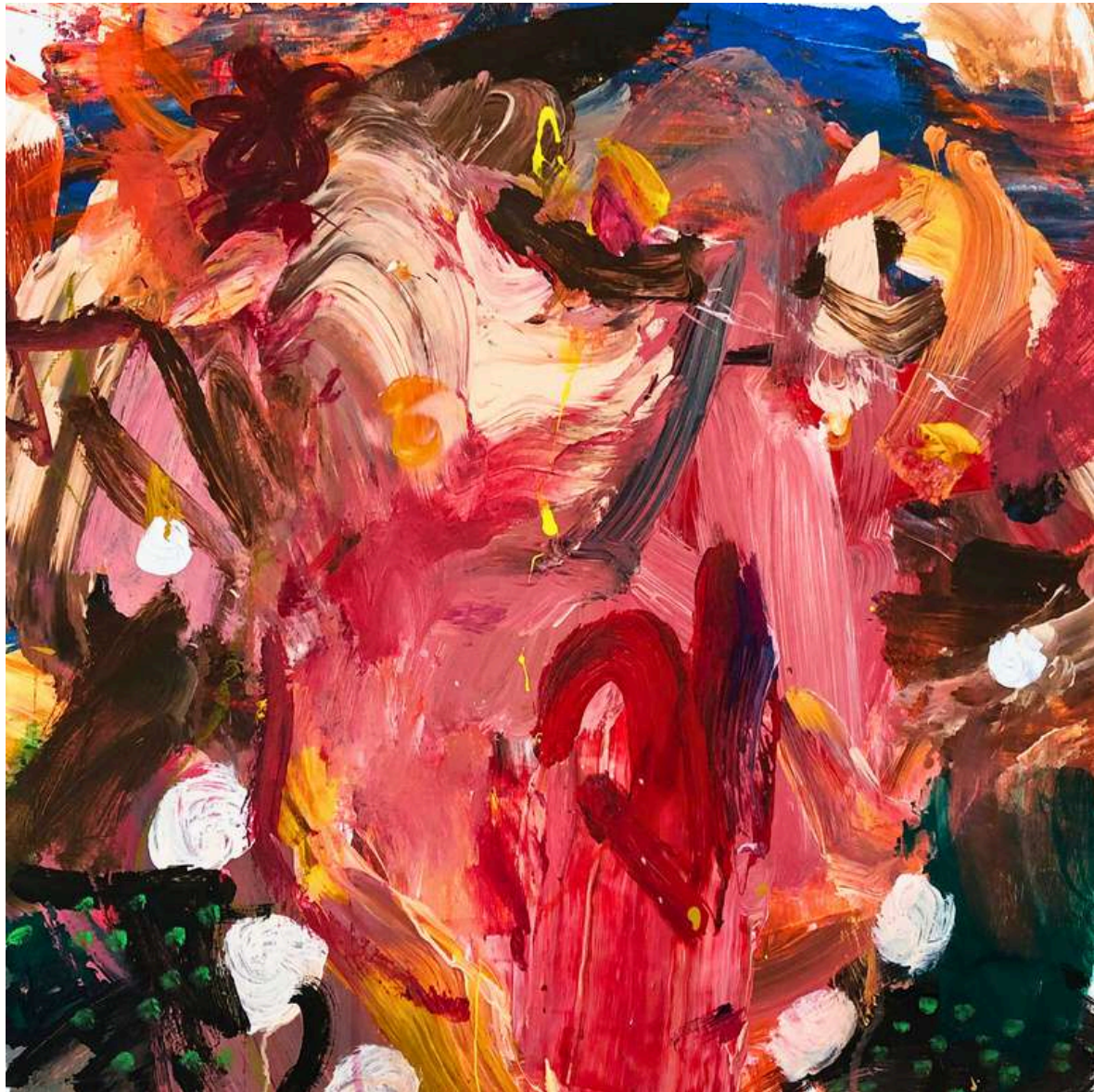


## Appreciation And Fuzz

55x55 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2025



## **Words I Can't Remember**

55x55 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2025

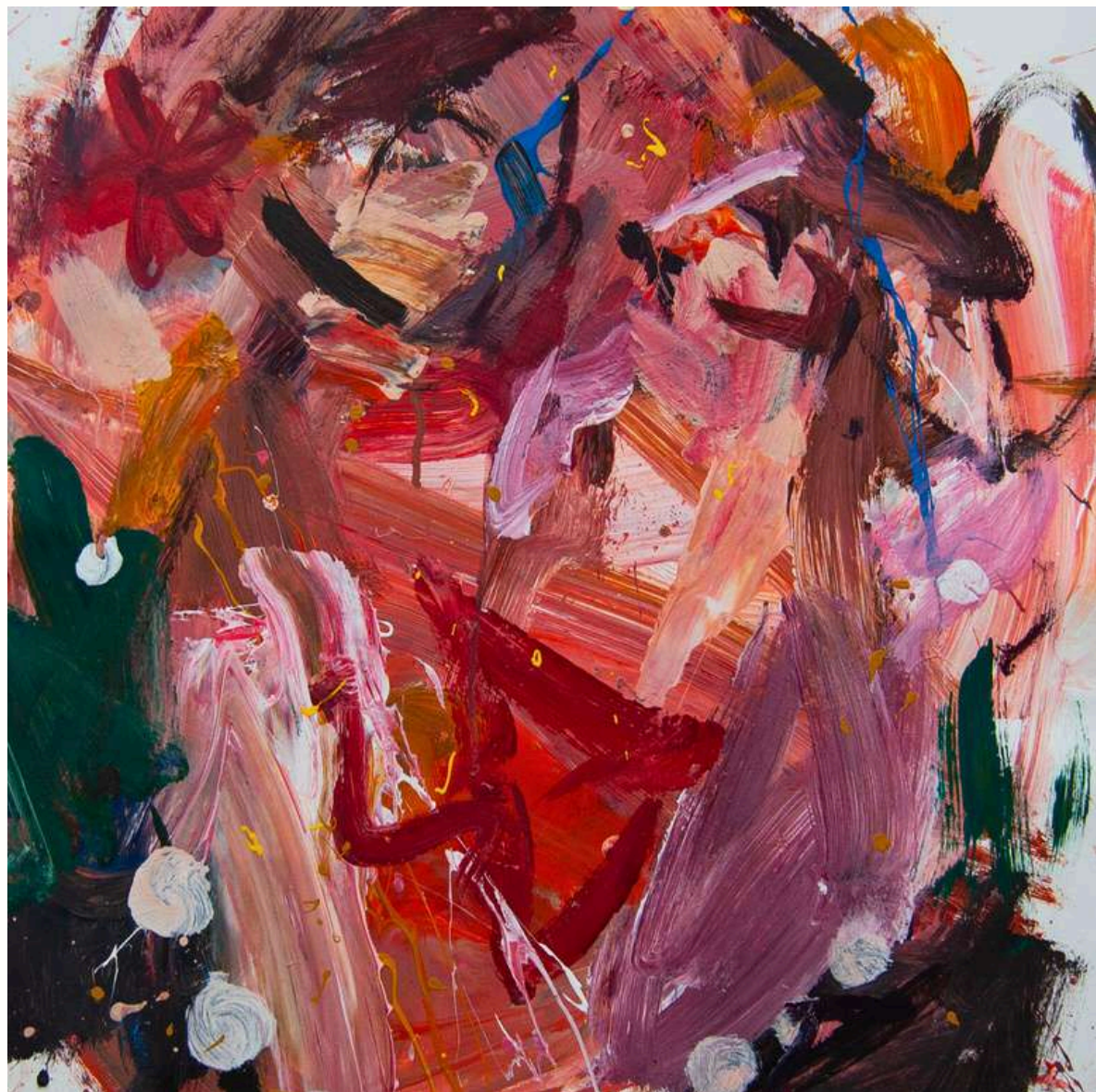


## **She Smiles At The End**

55x55 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2025

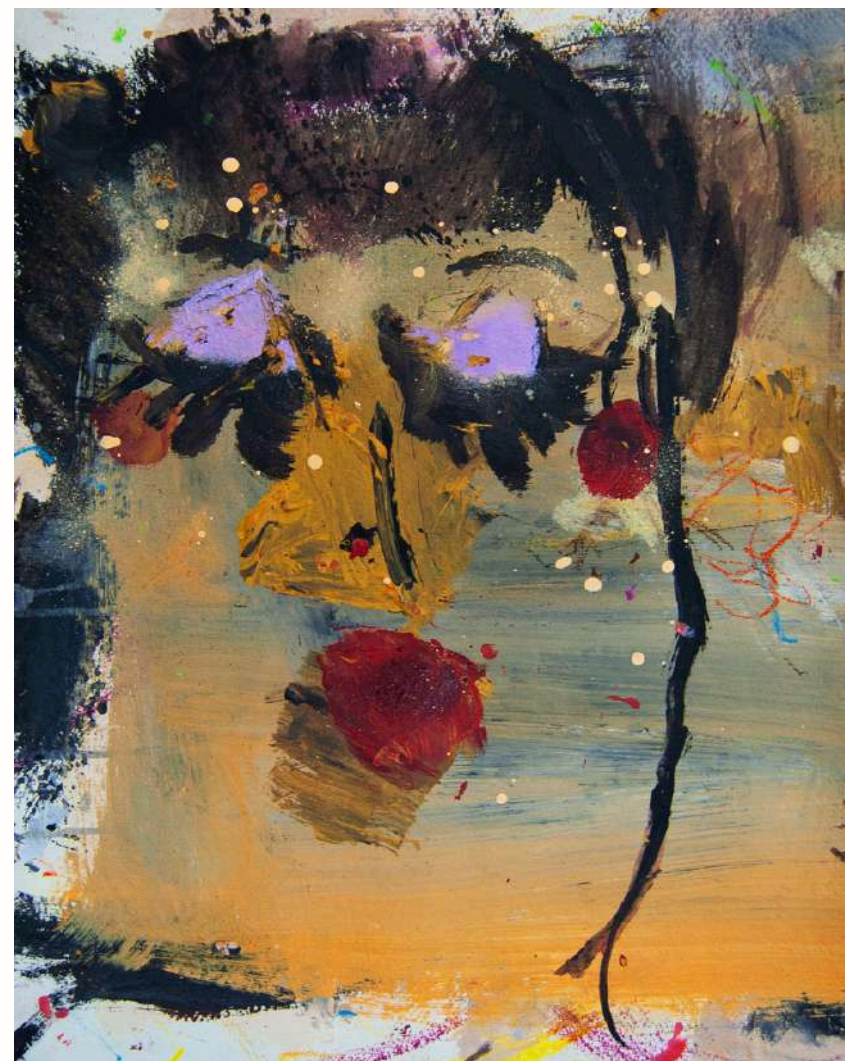


## I Stole A Look

55x55 cm

Acrylic on canvas

2025

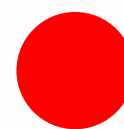
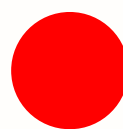
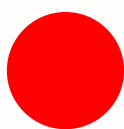


## Whispers And Tales Series

67x49 cm

Mixed media on paper

2023



## Blossom Nbr. 3 Series

68x51 cm

Acrylic on paper

2024



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