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CELEBRATING CREATIVITY WITH THE TOP ENTRIES FROM THE CONTEST "MY STORY"



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EDITORIAL

"Art is the highest expression of the human spirit." Joyce Carol Oates

Artists express themselves beyond words. They confidently blossom ideas to mellifluously draw emotions on blanc spaces and white canvases. They feel deep and aim high. We created this magazine to discover the underlying drive that inspires, spikes and sustains your own creativity. This magazine is the means to introduce your work to the world, make it shine by creating, by doing what you love and by revealing who you are. As you read it, take your time to truly feel the story of these artists who took the time to share a piece of themselves via their creations. Inform your creativity and get inspired by those of others.

Above all, enjoy it; Because thats what art is for; to create, to share, to discover and learn. It is about showing who you are in the way that best captures your story, and about discovering others through their relentless creativity.

DANAI PAPADIMITRIOU TORRENS, FOUNDER AND CEO AT ARTIT

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YAROSLAV LEONETS CHILDREN PLAYING FOOTBALL, 2016

40 х 50 см

'It's no secret that football has received its fair share of negative publicity. There has been a heavy push to inform current and prospective players about the dangers of the sport, notably head trauma. But despite the obvious injury risks, I believe football remains one of the most rewarding sports a child can play. Ask any former player who has been fortunate enough to avoid serious injuries—and even some who have suffered their fair share—and you'll often hear praise about their time on the gridiron.'

#Mystory - Yaroslav Leonets



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YAROSLAV LEONETS WAY OF LIFE, 2016

36 х 70 см

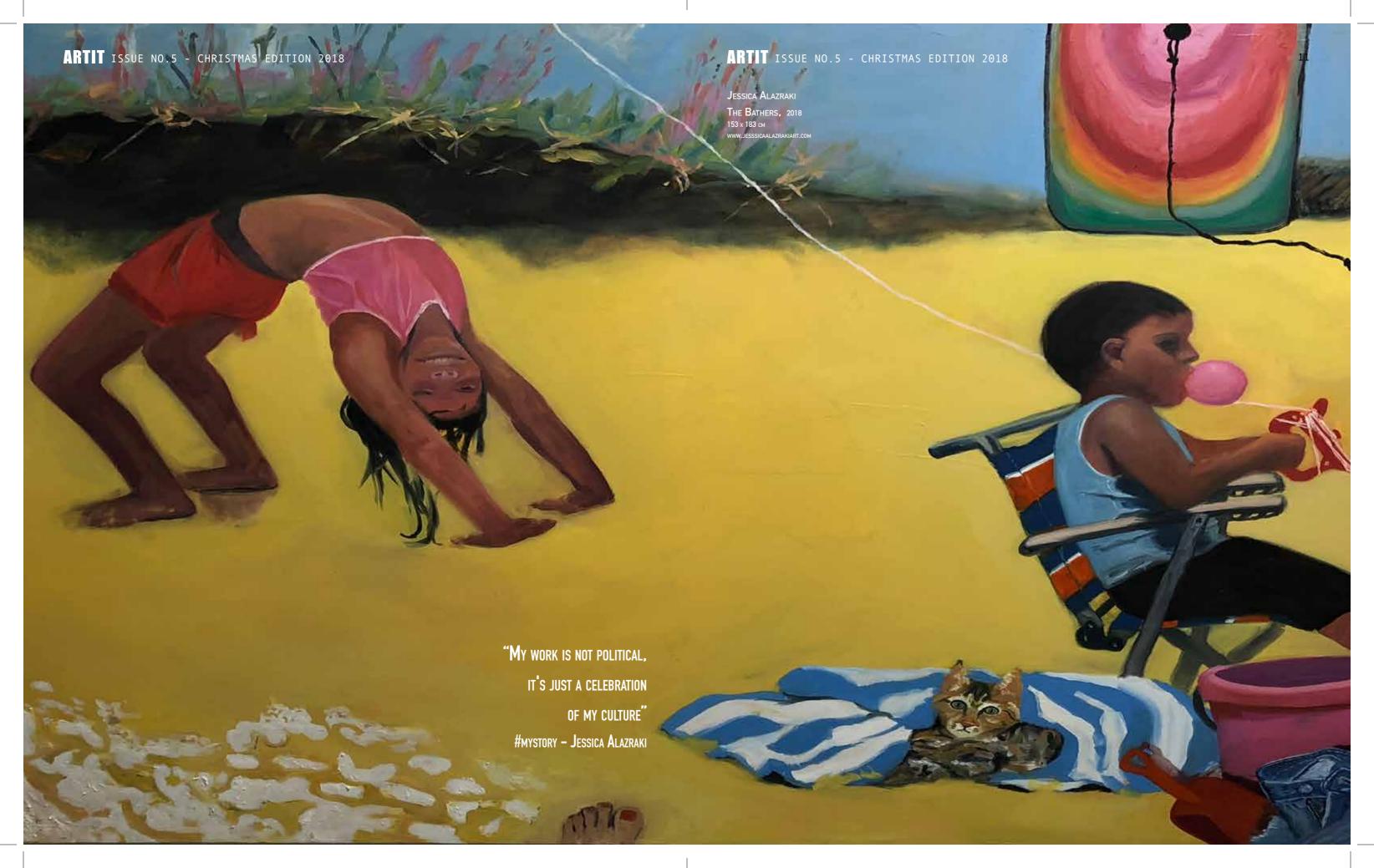
'Road - in each of us.
The road of life.'
#Mystory - Yaroslav Leonets



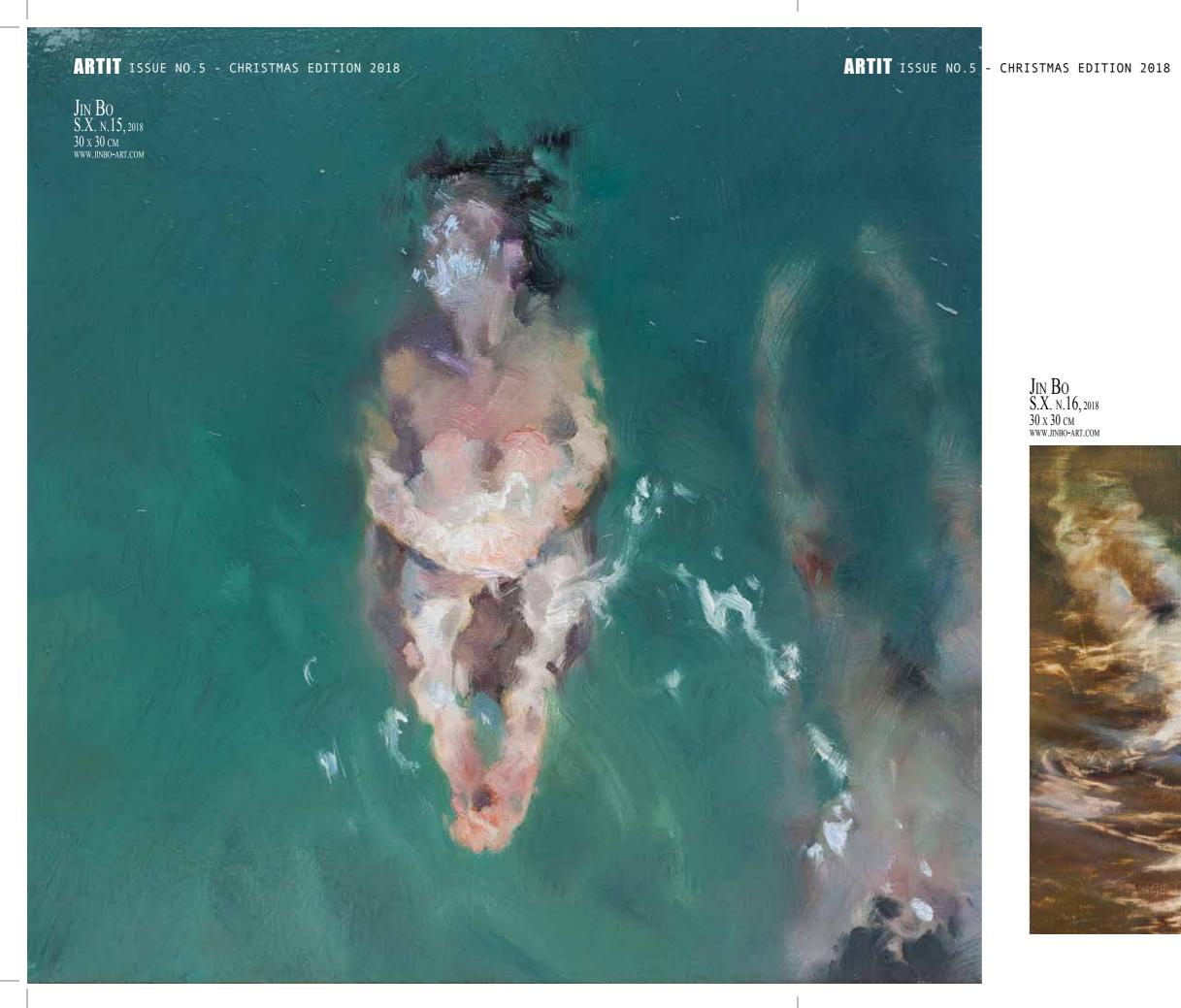


JESSICA ESTRADA LA MAMA Y SUS HIJAS, MOTHER AND HER DAUGHTERA, 2018 32 x 38 cm

'I wanted to paint a picture as homage to my mom. She along with my father raised us, 4 girls, 2 of which are twins. My mother sacrificed so much more to raise us though. She left her family back in Mexico, her friends, her freedoms, time to her self etc. Now as a mother I see the toll these sacrifices can take on someone. Growing up I watched my mother paint ceramics, and wood crafts. She helped us draw our school posters. Without realizing it, she inspired me to paint and draw. In my eyes she is a saint. She is my saint who has passed down her talent to me and I am such a happy person for it.'
#mystory - Jessica Estrada

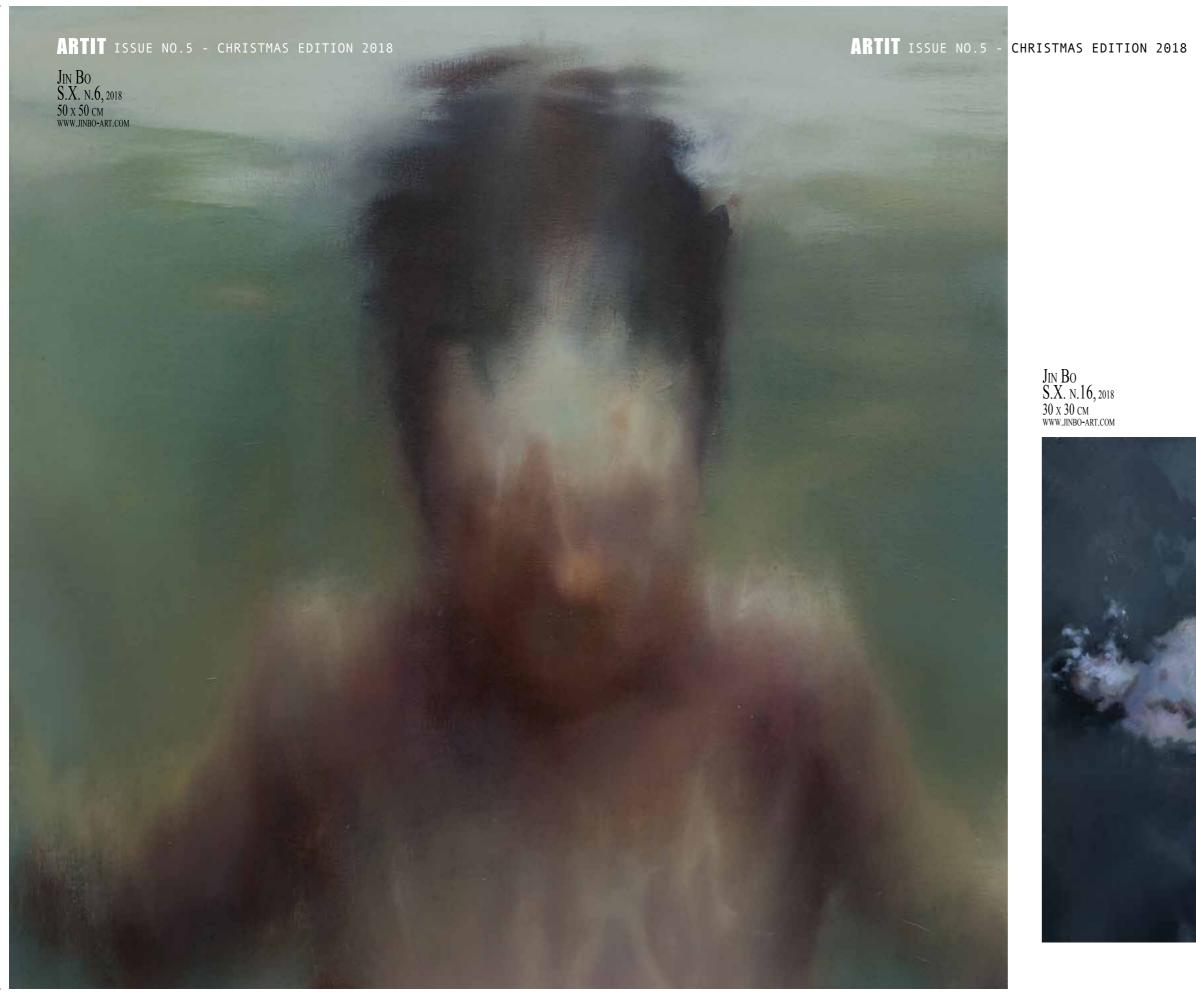




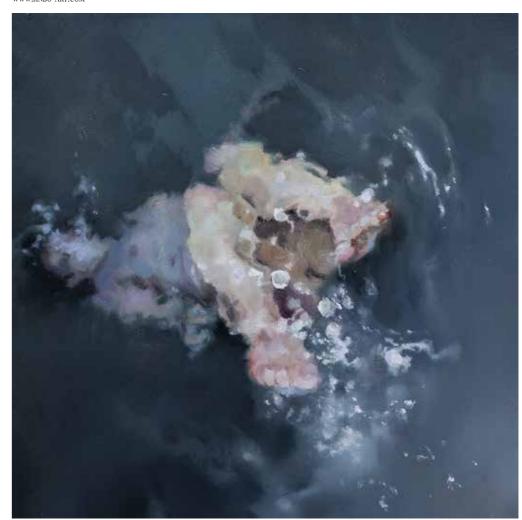


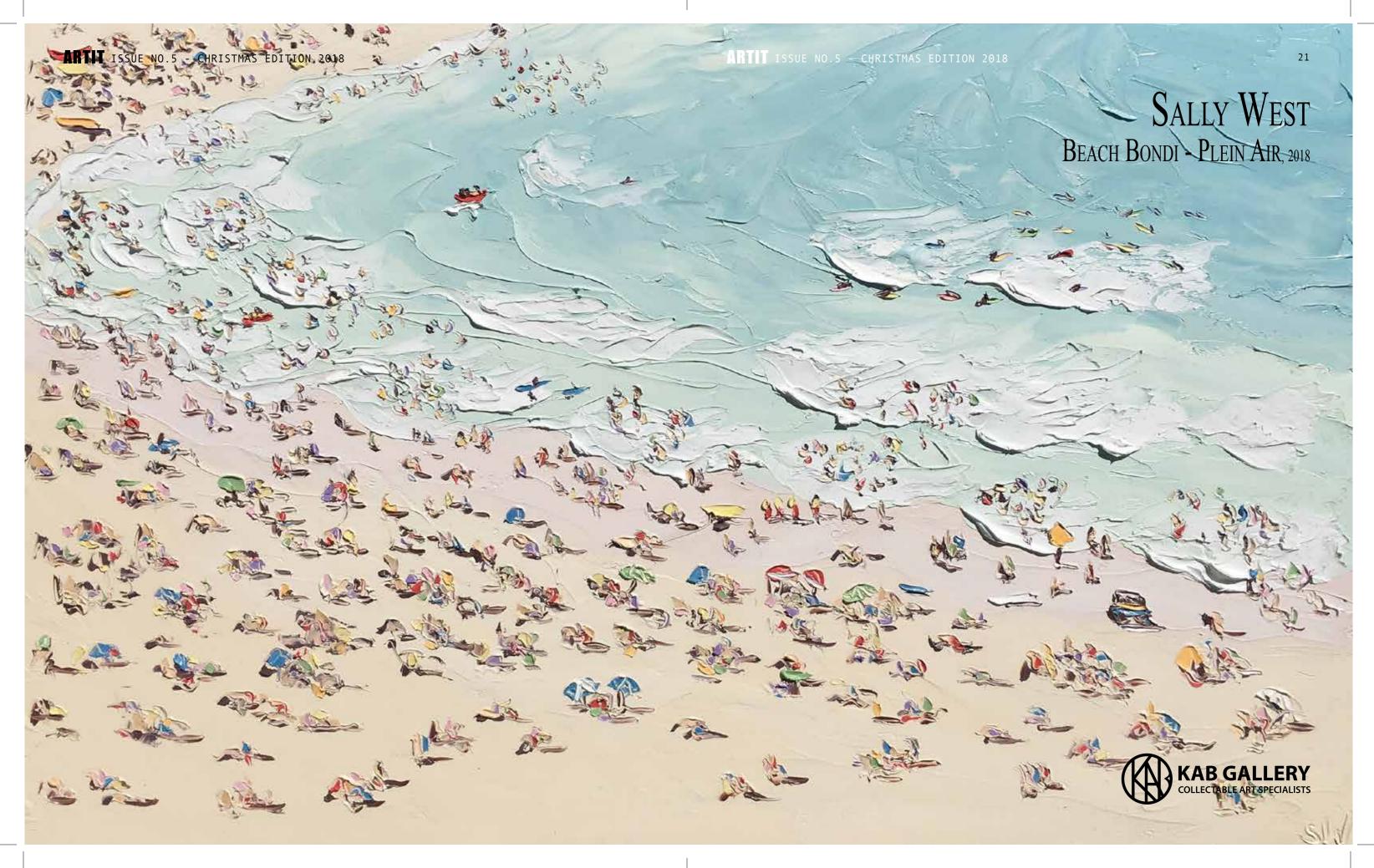
JIN BO S.X. N.16, 2018 30 x 30 cm www.jinbo-art.com





JIN BO S.X. N.16, 2018 30 x 30 cm www.jinbo-art.com





SALLY WEST

25 WITH LIGHT NORTHEASTERLY WINDS - BEACH, 2018 150 x 90 cm



KERRY-ANNE BI ANKFT

"I had a clear vision for KAB Gallery and that was to make great art accessible to a global market." WITH A KEEN EYE FOR STYLE, COMPREHENSIVE ART MARKET KNOWLEDGE AND A LOVE OF ALL THINGS BEAUTIFUL, KERRY WORKS DIRECTLY WITH ARTISTS AND COLLECTORS ALIKE TO CURATE INTERESTING AND ECLECTIC EXHIBITIONS.

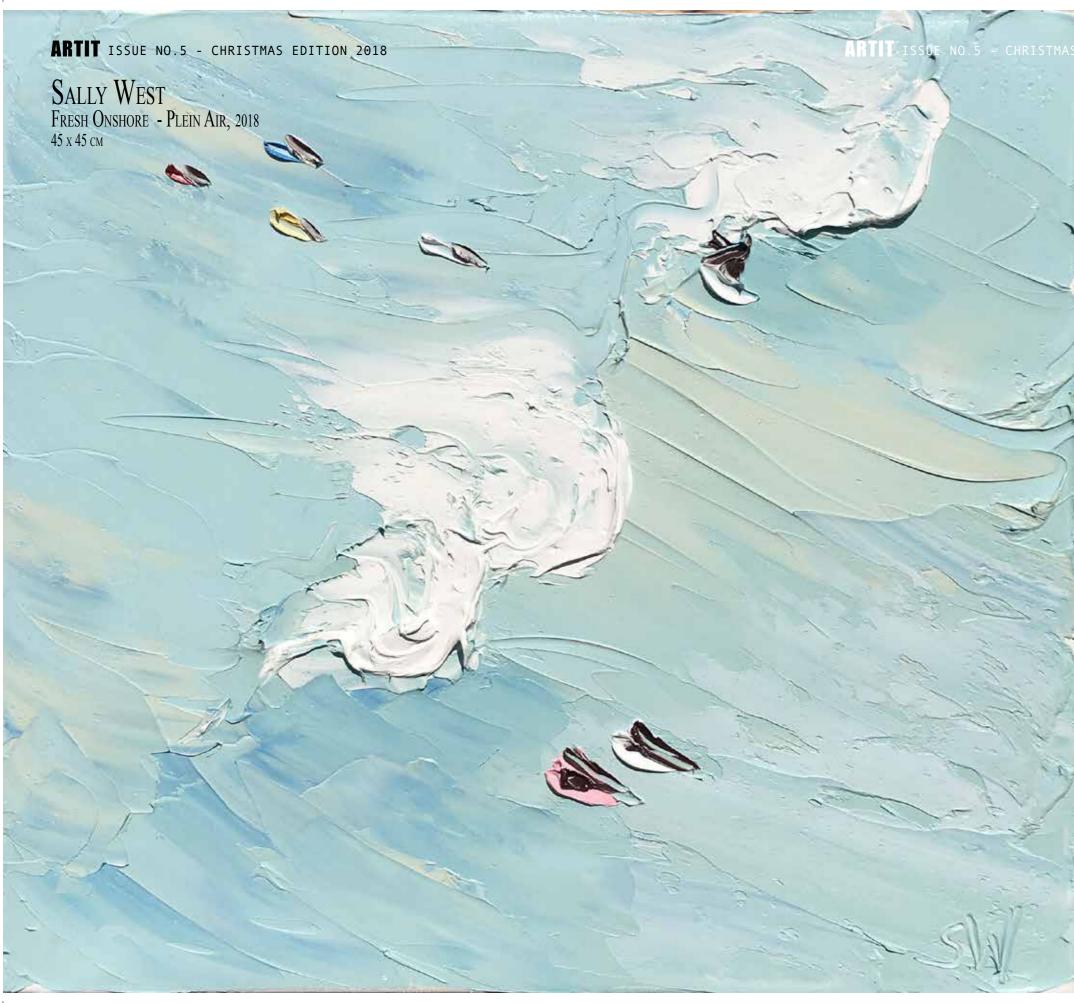
"As Director and Curator of KAB Gallery (Australia), I have had the pleasure of working with Australia's leading artists. Sally West has been part of KAB Gallery since the beginning and I am proud to not only represent her art but also take joy in the friendship we share. I admire her dedication and commitment to her art practice as well as her constant drive to create something new. Sally regularly visits Australian beaches to paint en plein air (in the outdoors on location), and throughout her art career she has worked to perfect the process. It's an artform she is constantly fine tuning as she adapts to exciting new coastal locations, viewpoints and weather conditions.

Throughout last summer I was fortunate to join Sally on some of her beach paint-out days. It was amazing to observe first-hand her unique and special painting technique as well as learn all about the significant planning work involved in preparing, researching and facilitating an en plein air creation! In the early days of the beach series, her eyes and easel were focused at the iconic Freshwater beach (colloquially referred to as "Freshy"). A well-known coast for its great waves and white sandy shore, this beach is located in Sydney's Northern Beaches area on the east coast of New South Wales. Freshy is also a special location for Sally personally, as past generations of her family have visited beautiful Freshwater Beach throughout their lives. While this was a great location for several summers, Sally has been heading to various other exciting beaches to further develop the beach series.

IT WASN'T AN EASY TASK TO JOIN SALLY WEST ON HER PAINTING DAYS, IN FACT IT WAS AMAZING TO LEARN HOW EACH DAY WAS A CAREFULLY PLANNED AND ORGANISED WELL IN ADVANCE. AFTER ALL THE PLANNING IT COULD ONLY BE CONFIRMED IN THE EARLY MORNING DEPENDING ON THE FINAL WEATHER REPORTS. WIND, TIDES, MIDDAY TEMPERATURE HIGHS AND AFTERNOON LOWS ALL CAME INTO CONSIDERATION BEFORE WE EVEN PICKED UP THE CAR KEYS. ONE DAY WE ALMOST CANCELLED DUE TO A POTENTIAL RAIN FORECAST BUT DECIDED TO RISK IT IN THE END — JUST AS WELL BECAUSE NOT A SINGLE DROP FELL AND CONDITIONS WERE PERFECT! IN ADDITION TO THESE WEATHER CONCERNS THERE ARE ACCESSIBILITY, SAFETY AND OF COURSE VIEWPOINT ISSUES TO CONSIDER.

THE VERY BASIS OF THE GENERAL COMPOSITION IS ESTABLISHED BY THE SHORE-LINES, PERSPECTIVE, THE TIDAL POSITIONING OF THE SURFERS IN THE WAVES AND SWIMMERS ENJOYING THE BEACH BETWEEN THE ICONIC AUSTRALIAN SURF LIFE SAVING FLAGS AND PATROL. THEN THERE IS THE ORGANIC ELEMENTS BASED ON THE CLUSTERS OF SUNBAKING BEACHGOERS, SWIMMERS AND WATER SWELLS AND CURRENTS. IT'S MIND BOGGLING TO IMAGINE HOW SALLY WEST PLANS OUT COMMISSION PAINTINGS WITH ALL OF THESE CRUCIAL ELEMENTS TO CONSIDER!





Alongside the environmental concerns when preparing to paint en plein air, there is the fact that Sally needs everything an artist would typically have at hand in their studio ready and available for her to use on-site. The carefully considered kit of art essentials neatly and systematically packed into cases and baskets with her easel, palette knives, fold up tables, palette, trolley, bottles of water and a packed lunch, camera, 50+ UV sunscreen supply, cleaning materials as well as her giant 1 metre x 1.5 metre canvas (with several smaller ones in case winds were stronger than reported) all ready stretched and primed for lashes of her oil paint.

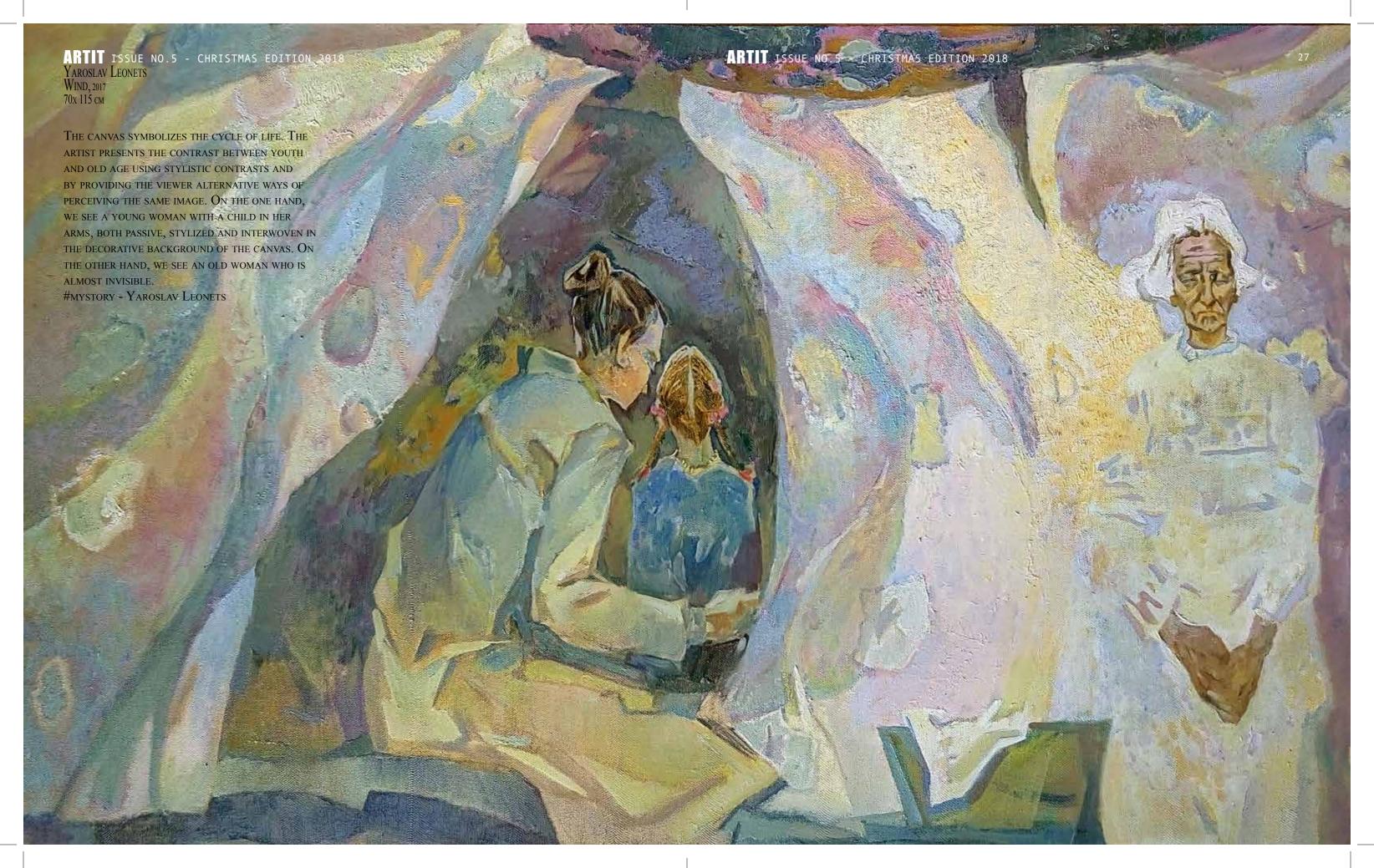
HER CLOTHES WERE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED TOO — FULLY COVERED IN TIGHTLY WOVEN COTTON (A HABIT LEARNED LIVING IN HARSH AUSTRALIAN RURAL CONDITIONS), HAT, SUNGLASSES, BOOTS FOR TREKKING THROUGH VARIOUS SCRUB AND TERRAIN FOR THE PERFECT BIRDS-EYE VIEWPOINT. ON ARRIVAL AT THE PLANNED VIEWPOINT IT WAS TIME TO SET-UP THE EASEL AND SECURE THE CANVAS (THERE COULD BE NOTHING WORSE THAN LOSING A CANVAS OVER THE CLIFF EDGE!) ONCE HER EQUIPMENT WAS SET UP SHE BEGAN MIXING THE PAINT SUPPLY INTO THE PERFECT HUE AND TONE. SHE IS A PERFECTIONIST AND CONSTANTLY LOOKS UP AT HER LANDSCAPE SUBJECT ENSURING THE COLOURS WERE TRUE AND CORRECT THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS. FINALLY THE FIRST STROKE IS SMEARED ACROSS THE CANVAS FORMING WHAT WOULD BE THE SHORELINE EDGE OF SAND.

EACH TIME I WATCHED SALLY WEST WORK THIS WAS HER FIRST STEP. IT WAS COMPLETELY OBVIOUS THAT WITH ALL OF HER YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A PLEIN AIR TRADITIONALIST, SHE HAS MANAGED TO TRAIN HERSELF TO WORK WITH COMPLETE FOCUS AND CONFIDENCE. HER BASE COLOUR BLOCKED ACROSS THE CANVAS SET THE PERSPECTIVE AND AMBIANCE OF THE PAINTED SCENE, BUT THE PAINTING REALLY TOOK SHAPE MUCH LATER IN THE DAY. WITH SEVERAL MORE LAYERS OF THICK OIL PAINT USING A DIFFICULT AND SKILLED METHOD OF WET-ON-WET LAYERED PAINTING THE LANDSCAPE APPEARED WITH DETAIL. IT WAS SO SPECIFIC TO WHAT WAS BEFORE US IN THE LANDSCAPE, I COULD MATCH EACH SUNBAKER ON THE SAND TO HERS IN CANVAS SO CLEARLY. I ALMOST WISHED I WAS OUT THERE ON THE SAND BEING IMMORTALISED WITHIN THIS UNIQUE AND CAPTIVE ARTWORK! SALLY WORKED TIRELESSLY TO COMPLETE THE PAINTINGS IN EACH SITTING AND DIDN'T PAUSE AT ALL THROUGHOUT THE DAY. COMPLETION WAS VITAL!

It was a treat to watch the painting take shape throughout the day – from the initial colour blocked area of sand and water to the final SW being etched into the lower right hand corner of the canvas paint. You can admire her representations of the waves breaking on a beach, pushing water towards the shoreline. You can also see the way that the water reaches the shore and finds a way back out to sea flowing downwards into deeper channels in the surf zone. These representations appear abstract up close but from afar the water paths become clear. For this series, Sally West has painted beach studies in various sizes, each presenting a section of the aerial view. Canvas sizes range from 25x25cm miniatures to oversized 150x150cm pieces. All the studies can be displayed beautifully as single pieces or grouped together for a cluster hang."

#MYSTORY - FROM KERRY ANNE BLANKET
TO SALLY WEST







AARON SALM BEFORE THE SCHOOLBUS COMES, 2018 120 x 130 cm www.aaronsalm.com



AARON SALM HEAT LAMPS, 2018 120 x 130 cm www.aaronsalm.com



My paintings reflect on the theme of nostalgia and are based on my experience growing up in the Northeast United States. The images depict objects meant to conjure a mythological representation of the American dream. The scenes portrayed in the works are allegories from specific memories and exaggerated to a point of absurdity where their accuracy is called into question. The absence of human figures adds a forensic element to the work. The objects are meant to tell stories about absent person(s). I am interested in how the objects we encounter on a day to day basis shape the lives we lead.

#Mystory - Aaron Salm

LAURA THOMAS
HUMBLE TEXTURES, 2018
12 x 8 cm
www.haurathomasart.co.hk

"I PAINT FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF MAGNIFYING
THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING ALIVE."
'In my still life painting, I interpret what I see through direct observation, day after day, to create the most precise representation of reality. I am

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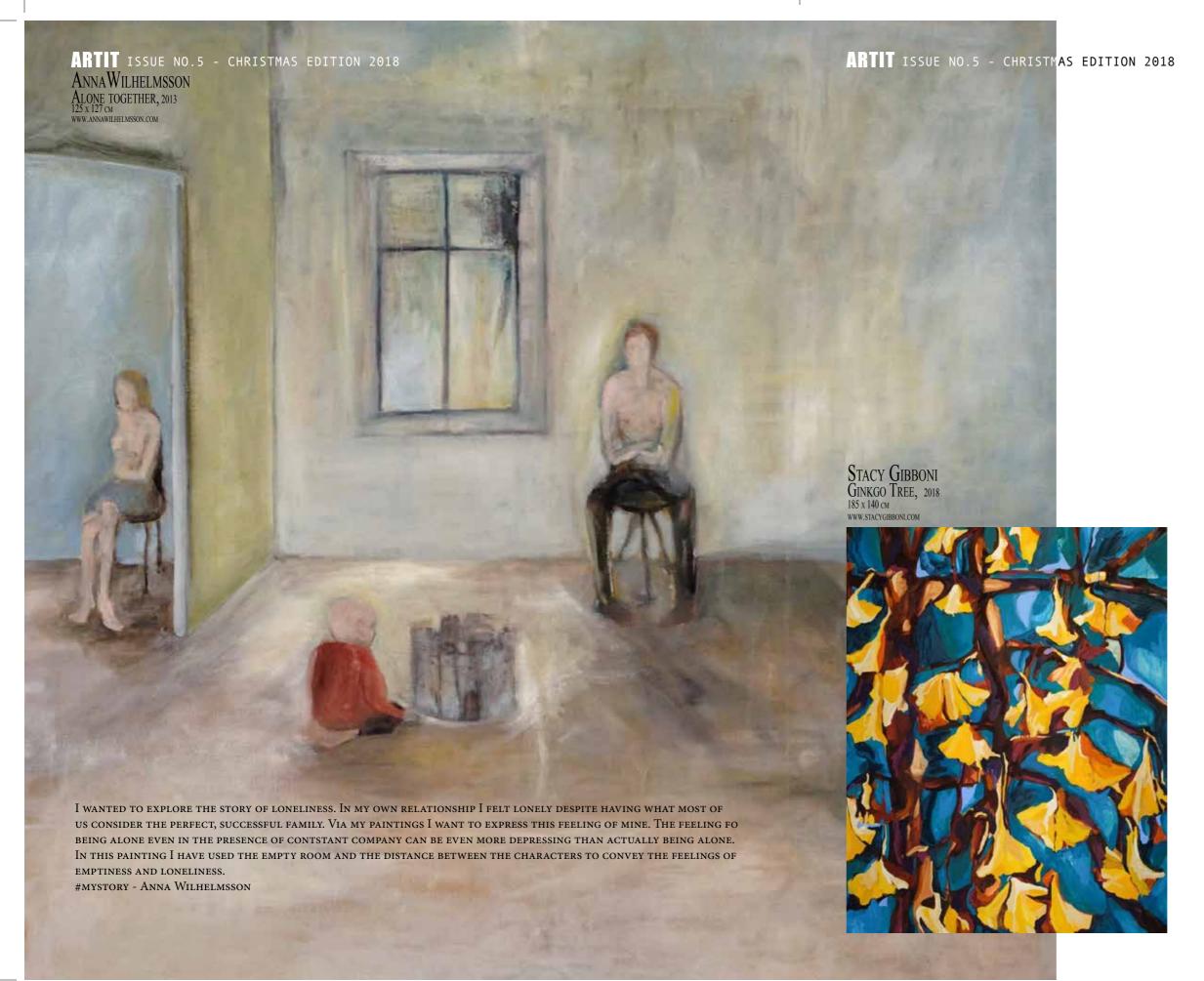
SARAH SEDWICK PURPLE COIL, 2018

12 x 12 cm www.sarahsedwick.com

In My Still life painting, I interpret what I see through direct observation, day after day, to create the most precise representation of reality. I am fascinated by color, and that is where I always begin. I observe the colors and the variations of light and I combine them to create my still life paintings.'

#Mystory - Sarah Sedwick





LUCI STERRE NABER FLOWERBOMB, 2018
24x 30 cm
www.lucisterre.com





RIE FROEHLICH SLIMY GEL OVER HER HEAD, 2018 9 x 12 cm



RIE FROEHLICH THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF, 2018 18 x 24 cm

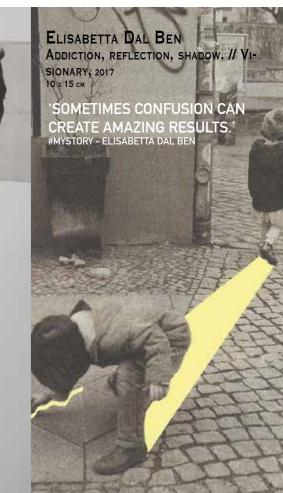


TANJA MARGETTS Darryl Injury, 2018 76 x 91 cm











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THE VEIL REMOVED, 2018
30 x 30 cm
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THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES FROM ONE
LEVEL OF GLORY TO ANOTHER.
I CONNECT DEEPLY TO THIS IDEA IN
NATURE. WATCHING AS THINGS AROUND
US GROW, MOVE, AND EXPAND THROUGH
THEIR LIFE CYCLE. IT SEEMS TO POINT TO
SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL AND DEEP.
SOMETHING THAT BRINGS ME HOPE AND
STRENGTH. THE GLORY WITH CREATION
ALWAYS POINTS ME TO A SACRED PLACE
THAT INSPIRES AND GROUNDS ME. IT'S MY
DESIRE TO IMPART THAT HOPE IN ALL MY
ART.

#mystory - genavieve Gilbert

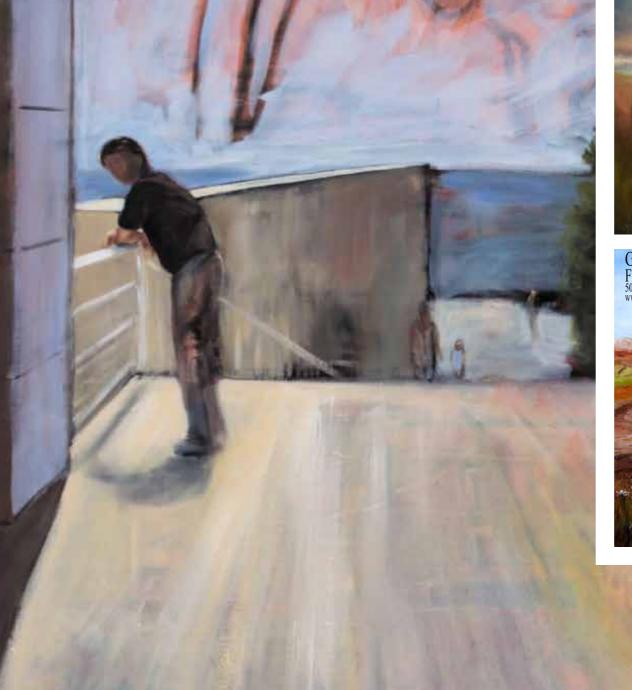




ANDREA COLOSIO EASY TO FORGET, 2018 90 x 65 cm www.genavievegilbert.art



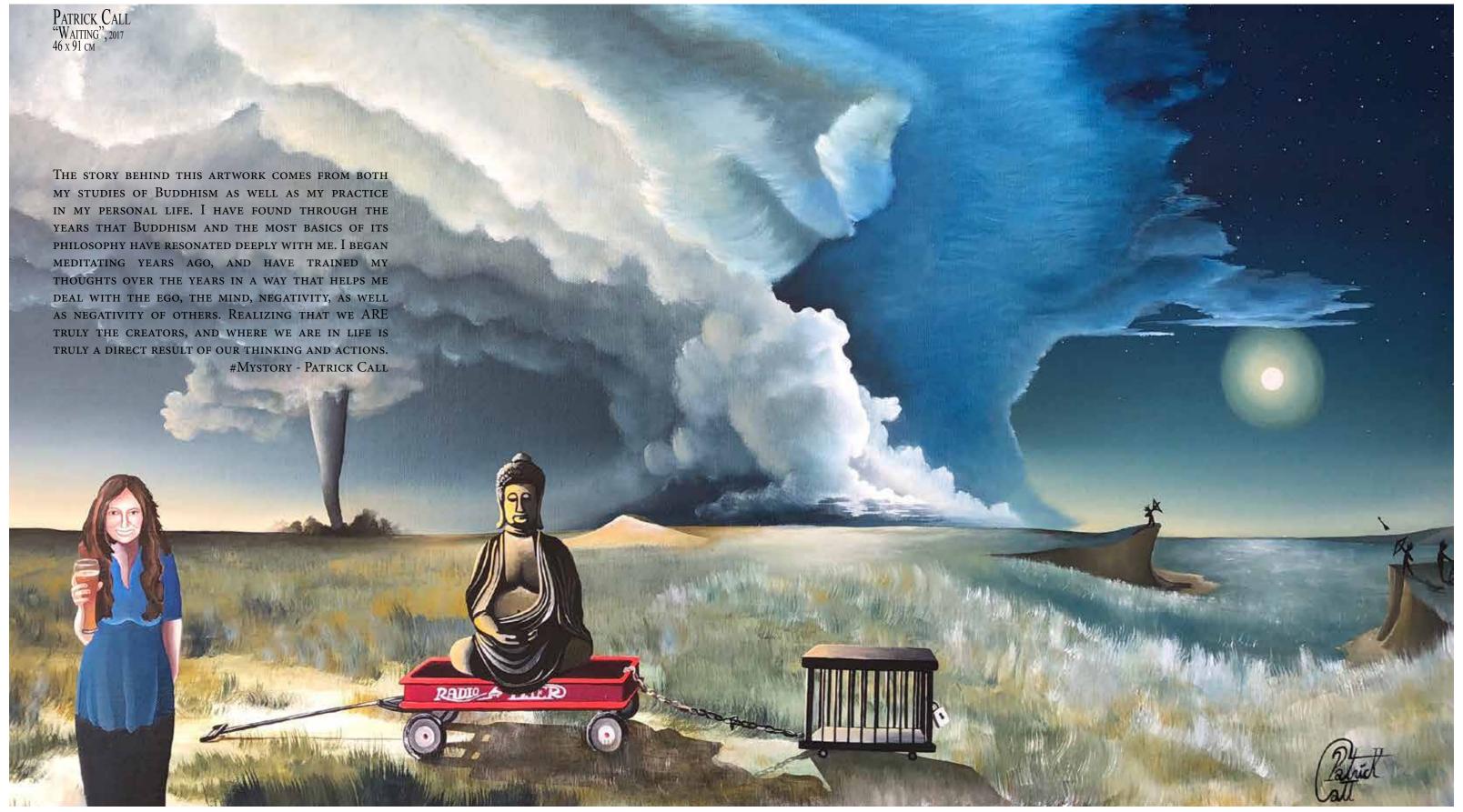
GINNY MCDERMOTT FACE OF THE SUN, 2018 50 x 40 cm www.ginnymcdermott.co.uk The face of this Pennine Hill (SHUTTLINGSLOE) CAUGHT MY EYE, RISING FROM THE WONDERFUL AU-TUMNAL FOREGROUND, AS IT EMERGED FROM THE SHADOW OF A PASSING CLOUD. EVEN THE MOST COMMON, **EVERYDAY THINGS AND SCENES** AROUND US HAVE RECOGNISABLE BEAUTY IN THEM AND I SEE IT AS MY ROLE AS AN ARTIST TO CAPTURE AND COMMUNICATE THEIR VOICE OR THEIR MOMENT, WHETHER THAT BE COLOUR, FORM, FRAGILITY, FUN, SIZE, TEXTURE ETC. #MYSTORY - GINNY McDermott

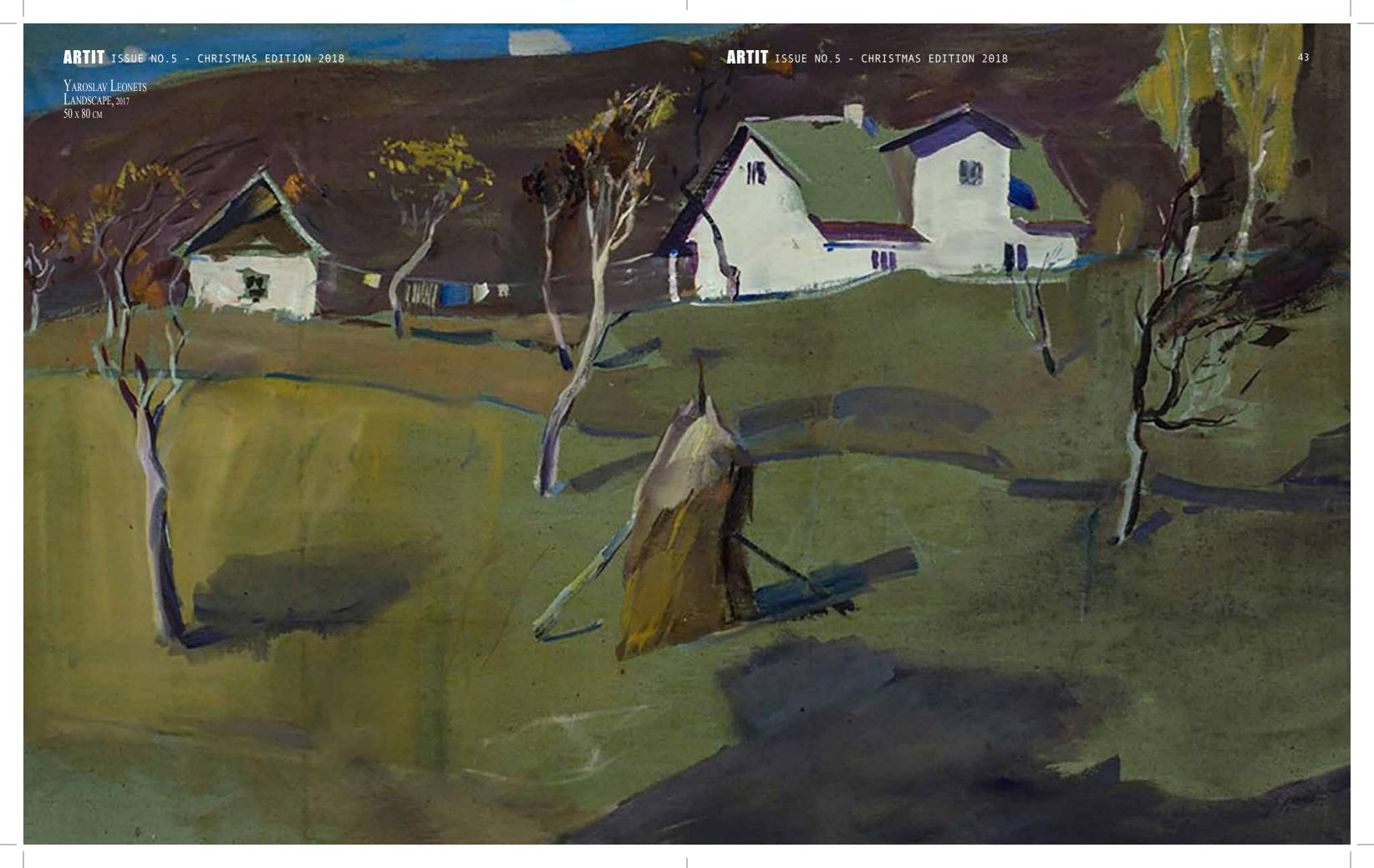


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IVANA MINAFRA THE WALL, 2018

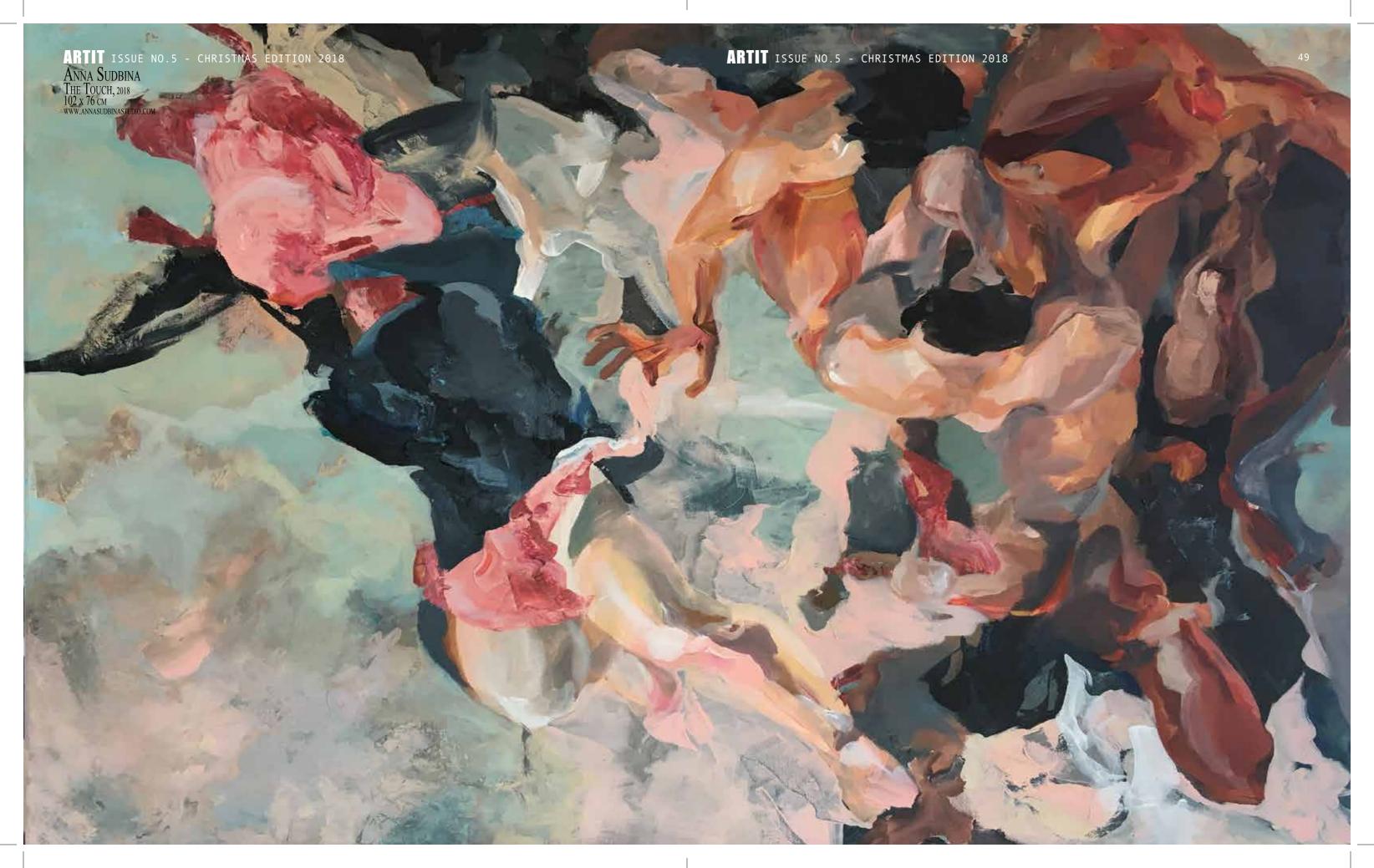
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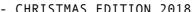




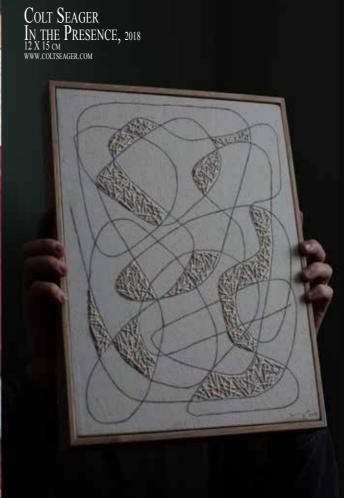








THE WORKS ARE PART OF MY PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS SERIES, UNSPECIFIED TIME BE-TWEEN BEFORE NOW AND NOW WHERE PROCESS IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE RESULT. THEY ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE WITH THE OLD MASTERS BRINGING BACK THE RENAISSANCE PALETTE AND CLASSICAL FEEL YET THEY ARE RELATABLE, FRESH AND CONTEMPORARY. THE WORKS DRAW UPON FIGURATIVE PAINTINGS OF THE PAST BUT LAYER BY LAYER, LIKE TIME CHIPPING AWAY AT THE MEMORIES, THE DETAILS START DISAPPEARING. PAINTINGS ARE OVERLAID AND THE INITIAL LITERAL DESCRIPTION RESEEDS BEHIND LAYERS OF PAINT WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO INTRODUCE ANOTHER KIND OF INFORMATION RELATING TO FEELING. UNLIKE THE CANVASES OF THE PAST THEY COMMUNICATE BY BYPASSING THE FORMALISED UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD AND PRESCRIBED MEANING AND INSTEAD ARE CALLING UPON VIEWERS' IMAGINA-TION AND ARE OPENED FOR INTERPRETATION. "IN MY CURRENT PRACTICE I INVESTIGATE THE SPACE BETWEEN THE REALMS OF OBJECTIVE REALITY AND INDIVIDUAL PERCEPTION OF IT. HAVING STUDIED PSYCHOLOGY AND LINGUISTICS I AM ALWAYS CURIOUS ABOUT THE WORK-INGS OF HUMAN MIND, HOW IT BENDS REALITY AND RESHAPES MEMORIES. I STUDIED ACA-DEMIC DRAWING AND PAINTING IN MOSCOW STATE STROGANOV ACADEMY WHERE THE EM-PHASIS IS MADE ON THE CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE AND DESIGN-ART IN SAINT MARTINS WHERE CONCEPTUAL IDEA WAS IN THE FOREFRONT. I AM THUS CONSTANTLY LOOKING FOR A BAL-ANCED APPROACH WHERE THE VISUAL FORM AND THE CONCEPT ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT. " #mystory - Anna Sudbina



The Irish have an old teaching that there ARE PLACES ON EARTH WHERE THE ATMOSPHERE COLLAPSES AND HEAVEN FALLS TO EARTH. THEY CALL THEM "THIN PLACES," A PLACE CHARGED WITH SACREDNESS, A PLACE CLOSE TO GOD. WHETHER A MOUNTAINTOP OR SEASIDE CLIFF. A MONASTERY OR CITYSCAPE, A PIECE OF MUSIC OR FINE ART, THIN PLACES ARE WHEREVER YOU HAVE A SENSE OF THE DIVINE. A SENSE BEYOND. THIN PLACE IS WHERE THE VEIL THAT SEPA-RATES HEAVEN AND EARTH IS LIFTED AND ONE IS ABLE TO RECEIVE A GLIMPSE OF THE GLORY OF GOD. THEY ARE PORTS IN THE STORM OF LIFE, WHERE ONE LEAVES THAT WHICH IS FAMILIAR AND JOURNEYS INTO THE DIVINE PRESENCE. THEY ARE STOPPING PLACES WHERE WE ARE GIVEN PAUSE TO WONDER ABOUT WHAT LIES BEYOND THE MUNDANE, THE GRIEF, THE TRIALS AND THE BOREDOM OF DAY-TO-DAY LIFE. THEY PROBE TO THE CORE OF THE HUMAN HEART AND OPEN THE PATHWAY THAT LEADS TO SATISFYING THE FAMILIAR HUNGERS OF THE HUMAN SOUL: TO BE CONNECTED, TO FIND PEACE, AND TO BE LOVED. THROUGH MY ART, I WANT TO OFFER AN INVITATION INTO THE THIN PLACE THROUGH ABSTRACTION, ENGAGEMENT WITH OUESTIONS PERTAINING TO HUMAN EXPERIENCE, AND THE EXPLORATION OF FORM AND THE RHYTHM OF MAKING MARKS—ALLOWING ONE MARK TO CAR-RY INTO ANOTHER—AND IN-SO-DOING, ALLOW-ING FOR A PLACE WHERE THE DIVINE OF GOD'S PRESENCE TRANSCENDS CLOSER TO EARTH. #MYSTORY - COLT SEAGER







KIMBERLY HARPER GRAPHOMANIA, 2018 5 X 7 cm www.penandprose.org

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GÉRALDINE PROMPT BLOSSOM TOUCH, 2017 13 X 13 CM





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MIRROR MIRROR!, 2018
19 x 19 cm
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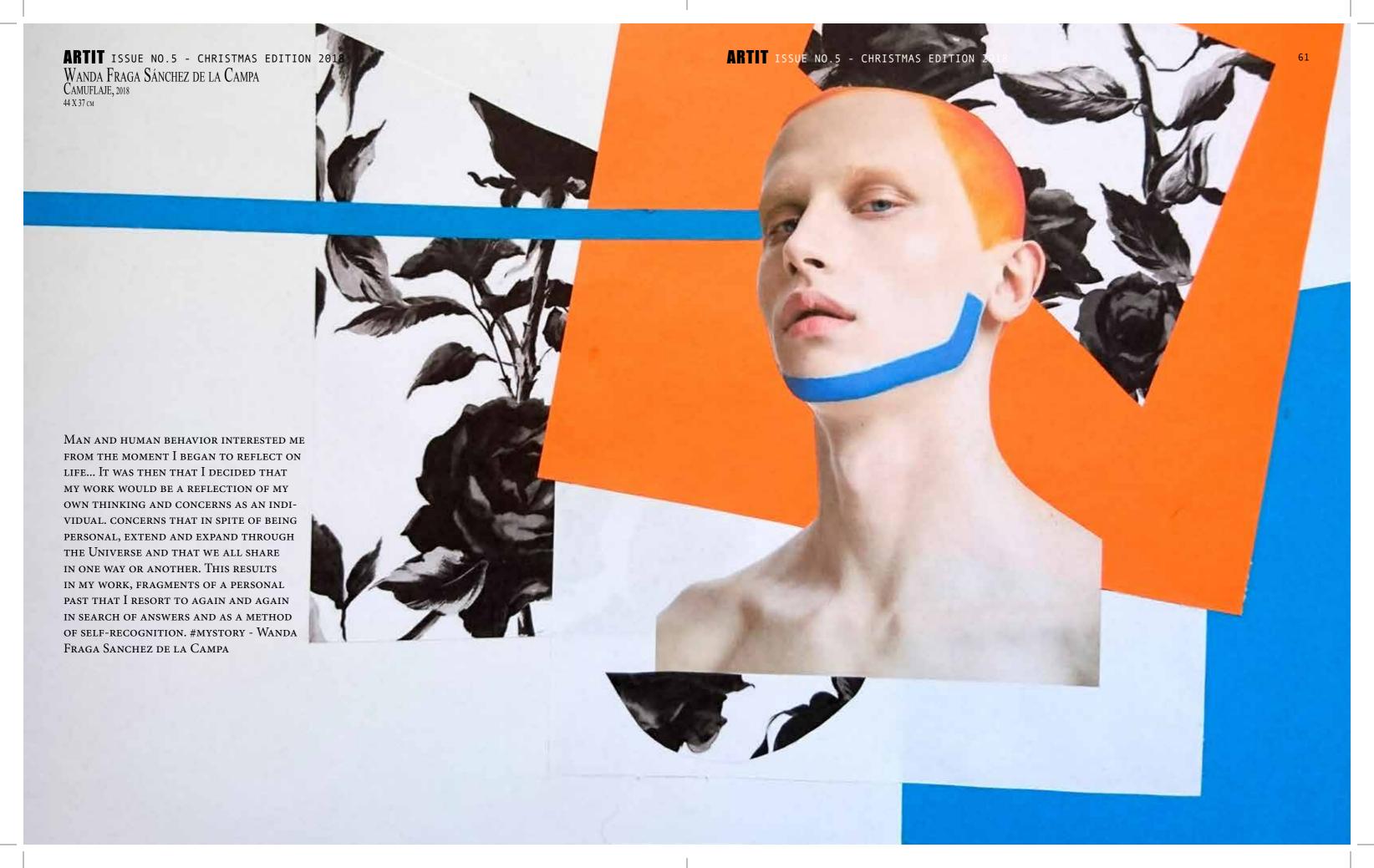
SHELLEY HAKONSON SAINT SUFFRAGETTE, 2018 12 x 12 cm www.shelleyhakonson.com



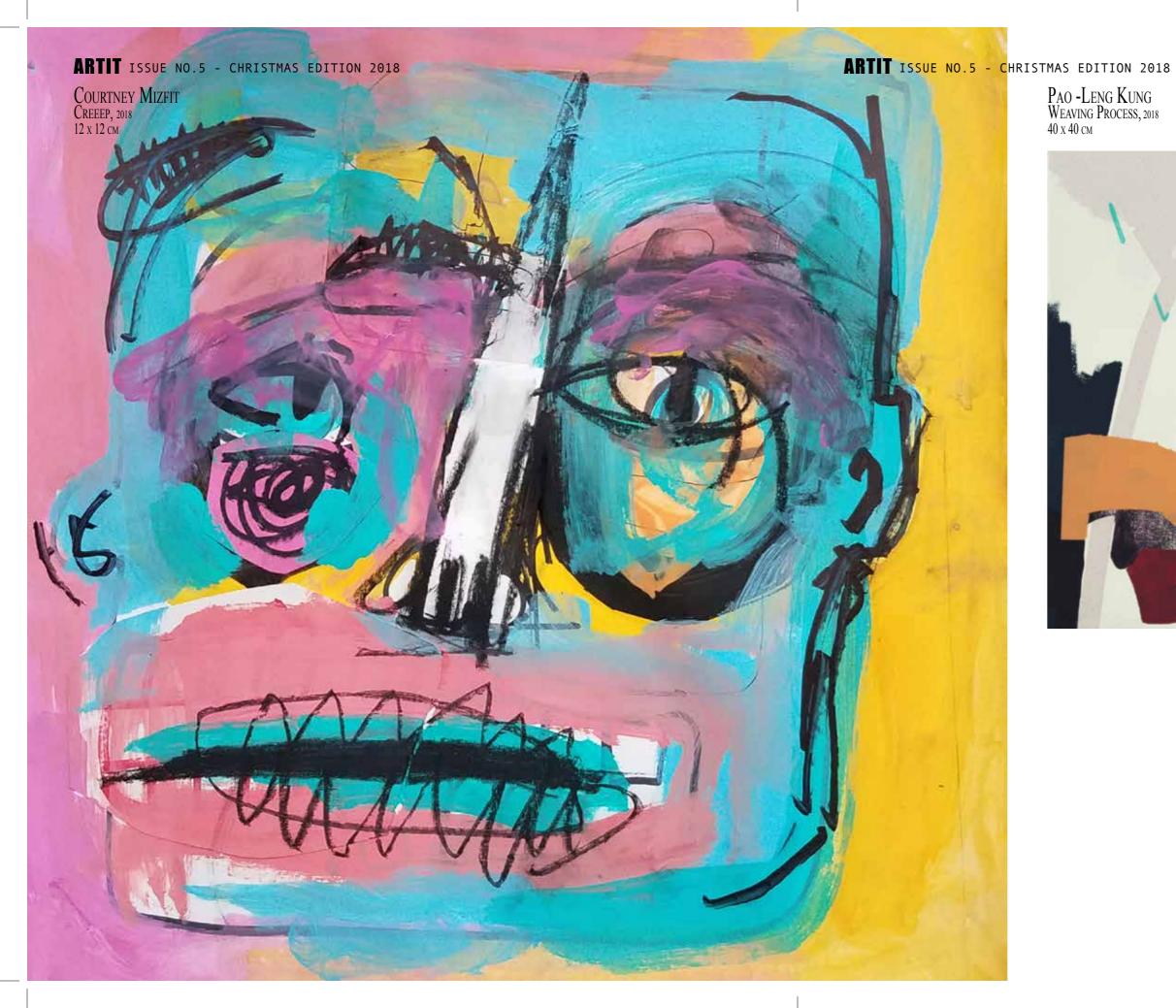
NATALIA KISIELEWICZ REX AGAINST THE TIDE, 2015 20 x 25 cm www.nataliarex.com









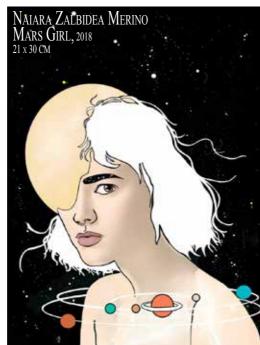


PAO -LENG KUNG WEAVING PROCESS, 2018 40 x 40 cm



RILEY THEODORE DETACHED BRIDGE, 2018 35 x 43 cm





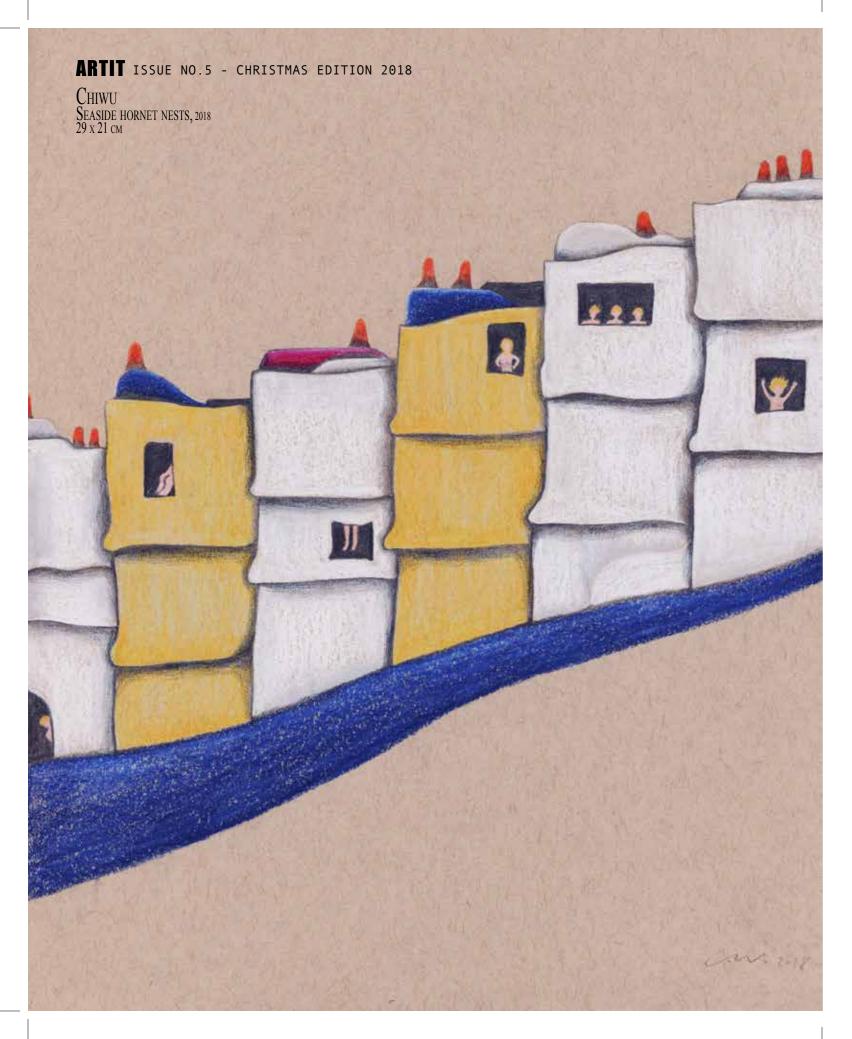
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RILEY THEODORE J.D. SALINGER'S IMITATION DUCK, 2018 35 x 43 cm



On My 15th birthday, nearly 15 years ago, I was hit by a car while riding my bike. My skull was shattered and I almost died. I had severe brain damage, and as I recovered I found myself deeply compelled to create art. Everything I create is a conversation within my fractured reality, an attempt to reconcile disparate elements, to find wholeness where there is none.

#Mystory - Riley Theodore



PAVA WÜLFERT UNTITLED, 2018 130 x 170 cm www.pavawulfert.co

KYLE GODERWIS TOKYO SUNRISE, 2018 18 x 24 cm





SAM MATHERS 5 KNOTS, 2018 12 x 12 cm

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MEG FORSYTH VITRIFICATION SERIES, 2018 125 x 150 cm www.megforsyth.com

VITRIFICATION IS THE TRANSFORMATION OF A SUBSTANCE INTO GLASS BY HEATING IT TO A HIGH TEMPERATURE AND THEN COOLING IT RAPIDLY. VITRIFICATION IS ALSO A METHOD OF CRYOPRESERVATION AND IS OFTEN USED TO REFER TO THE PROCESSES USED FOR EXTENDING FEMALE FERTILITY-EGG FREEZING. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SCIENTISTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF CRYOPRESERVATION WAS JAMES LOVELOCK, BETTER KNOWN FOR THE GAIA HYPOTHESIS. IN HIS GAIA HYPOTHESIS, LOVELOCK PROPOSED THAT A SYNERGISTIC AND SELF REGULATING SYSTEM EXISTS BETWEEN LIVING ORGANISMS AND THEIR INORGANIC SURROUNDINGS THAT PERPETUATE THE CONDITIONS FOR LIFE ON EARTH. ACCORDING TO THIS THEORY, EARTH (GAIA) IS IN TROUBLE DUE TO THE CONTAMINATION OF THE PLANET BY HUMANS MANUFACTURED WASTES, PERHAPS, MAINLY TO DO WITH OVER-POPULATION. IRONICALLY, LOVELOCK'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO CRYOPRESERVATION ARE BEING USED IN ATTEMPT TO ALLOW HUMANS TO EXTEND THEIR FERTILITY. VITRIFICATION CAN BE USED TO PRESERVE CELLS BEYOND THE HUMAN ZYGOTE, GIVING US HOPE IN AVOIDING THE DOOMSDAY VISION OF THE FUTURE. SCIENTISTS ARE EXPLORING HOW SIMILAR PROCESSES OF PRESERVATION CAN BE APPLIED TO PLANTS, FUNGI, AND OTHER IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTORS TO EARTH'S BIODIVERSITY. PERHAPS, WITH CRYOPRESERVATION AND THE SVALBARD GLOBAL SEED VAULT IN NORWAY, WE CAN PRESERVE THE GENES OF THE HUMAN RACE AND THE AGRICULTURE WE NEED FOR SURVIVAL. #MYSTORY - MEG FORSYTH

