



Melissa O'Donnell Painter & Visual Artist BIO 2026

Over the past decade, O'Donnell's artworks have been exhibited and collected both nationally and internationally, held in private and public collections including OPW, RSCI. Her multidisciplinary practice spans painting, drawing, moving image, and painting installations.

Having recently received an MFA (1st) Hons in Contemporary Painting and Studies at NCAD her recent exhibitions include RHA 2026, Rua Red Arts Centre (NCAD MFA, 2025) Solo exhibition at RHA Ashford (2022), RHA Summer Annuals 2018, 21 & 24. She was a short listed artist for the John O'Moore Painting Prize in 2021.

Representation with Solomon Fine Art Gallery (2022–2026) solo and group exhibitions, selected artist CAGA Contemporary Arts, RDS (2025) and has exhibited and sold works at auction with the prestigious Sotheby's Contemporary Irish Art Auctions & Exhibitions in Dublin, London, and Paris (2022–2025) where she was also invited to speak about her works and practice at public events. Curated MountCongreve inaugural art exhibition 2024. A Tutor and mentor in contemporary arts practice and lead workshop facilitator at The National Gallery Ireland and Artform, Dunmore East.

She is a professional member of Visual Artist's Ireland and has successfully been awarded funding from the Arts Council along with an award from RHA for a Global Residency and the Thomas Damman Research award for 2025 in Berlin. Exhibiting at the Royal Hibernian Academy 2026 & Awarded the James O'Nolan Graduate Award 2026.

For artwork information, commission work, press and public event enquiries please make contact directly. Studio Visits can be made by arrangement.

Works included here are currently being exhibited at the Strand Inn, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford.

1. Title: Rosa, 2024

Dimensions: 100 x 138 cm

Media: Oil On Canvas

Price: € 7,500.00

Artist: Melissa O'Donnell

Status: Available

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Previously featured and exhibited at Sotheby's Irish Art Sale, London& Paris 2023. This painting was exhibited in Paris in 2024 alongside legacy Irish artists including P.Scott, Leech, Jack Yeats. The title refers to Marie Antoinette and her gardens in the Palace of Versailles where she took refuge from the vicious court life of King Louis. I imagine it was her escape and refuge.

2. Title: Parterre of Renewal, 2024

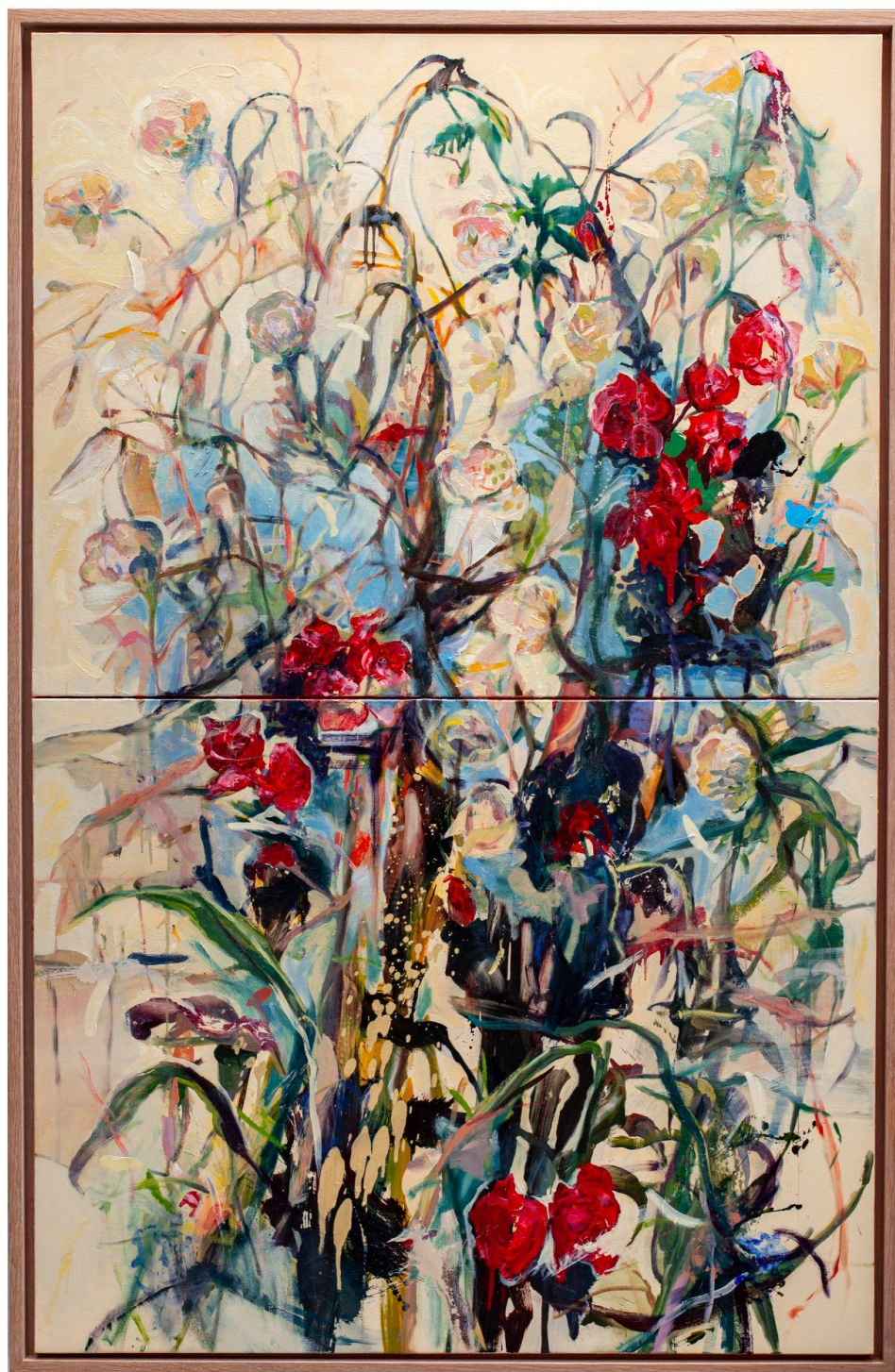
Dimensions: 145 x 96 cm

Media: Oil On Canvas, Framed White Oak

Price: € 7,000.00

Artist: Melissa O'Donnell

Status: Available



Previously featured artwork at Sotheby's Irish Art Sale, Dublin & Paris 2024, this work is based on a visit to Gustave Moreau's Paris maisonette in ardissonment 11 paris where I made a visit. Considered a visionary ahead of his time his home and studios are testament to an imaginative and courageous artist. His study contains love tokens for his married mistress which he gifted her during her lifetime and then recalled one by one after her death. The paintings here 3 & 4, are based upon those love tokens and the unrequited and forbidden love they shared.

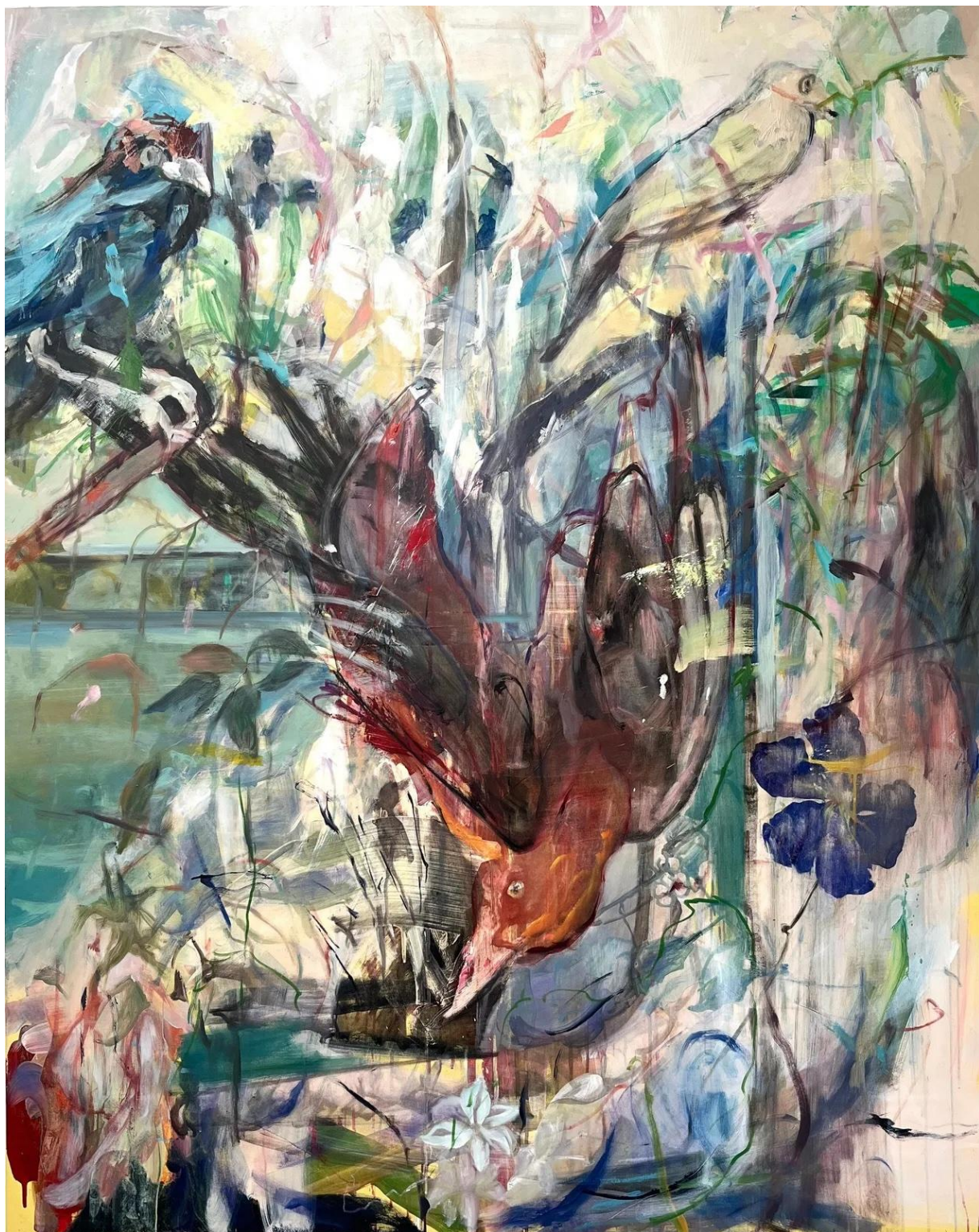
3. Title: Reflected Aviary, 2024

Dimensions: 150 x 120 cm

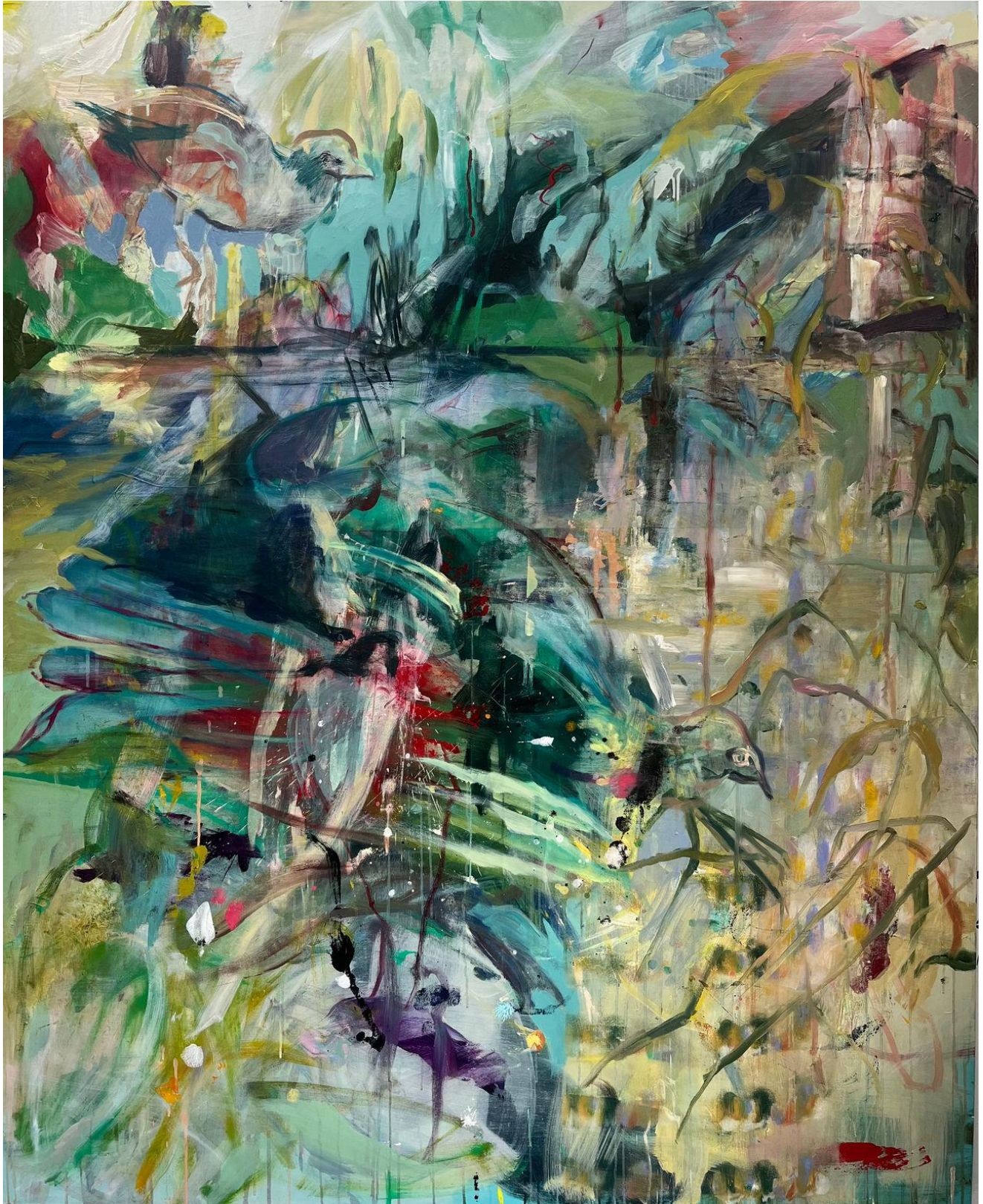
Media: Oil On Canvas

Price: € 7,000.00

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4. Title: Aviary of Imagination, 2024
Dimensions: 150 x 120 cm
Media: Oil On Canvas
Price: € 7,000.00
Artist: Melissa O'Donnell
Status: Available



5. Title: Deep lagoon, 2024
Dimensions: 80 x 100 cm
Media: Oil On Canvas.
Price: € 4,500.00
Artist: Melissa O'Donnell
Status: Available

I am intrigued by the idea of other worldly, other places of the mind. This painting is a dream or a memory of a deep lagoon where life is abundant, seething and in constant motion. Deep and dark with a frenetic crackle of nature to remind us of our visitor status on this planet, in this world.



6. Title: Aquifer Source, 2024
Dimensions: 60 x 60 cm
Media: Oil On Canvas. Framed Deep Edge, White Oak
Price: € 2,150.00
Artist: Melissa O'Donnell
Status: Available

"Water is the source of all life. Without it, we have nothing and we cannot live or survive. Our cultures have developed around springs, wells and hold great significance in religious contexts. Indeed, we still continue the search for water sources on other planets such as 'Exomoons' of which I made a previous drawing exhibition. For where there is water...there is life, which must and needs our protection." MO'Donnell



7. Title: Time Has Changed You, (Giotto Series) 2023

Dimensions: 100 x 160cm (4 panels)

Media: Oil On Canvas

Price: € 6,000.00

Artist: **Melissa O'Donnell**

Status: Available

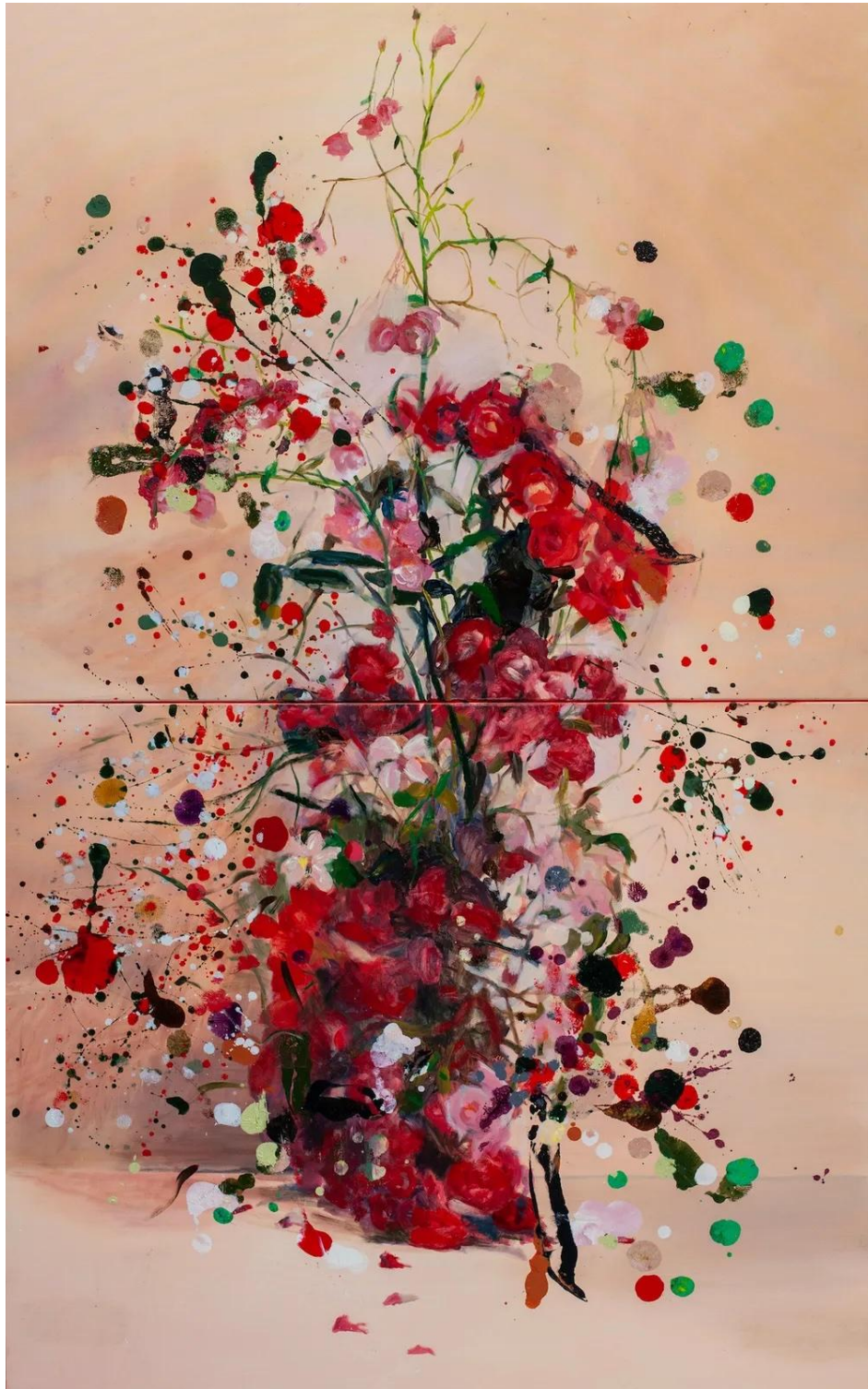


"This painting was made after a visit to the wonderful St. Francis Basilica in Assisi, Italy in 2023. I was in awe that the original frescos painted by Giotto in the 1500's still existed and my eyes fell upon them as generations of eyes have before. It made me wonder what power the narratives and images at one time had and how it shifts over time. In fact, it remains anchored there where all about the world swirls and rages around it. As I made the painting, where saints once stood, became ghosts to me, the translucent halos echoed of a past and a melting or mirage appeared to speak of the present" M O'Donnell

8. Title: Sensations, 2024
Dimensions: 70 x 100cm (2 panels)
Media: Oil On Canvas
Price: € 4,375.00
Artist: Melissa O'Donnell
Status: Available



9. Title: Rosaito Festival, 2023
Dimensions: 100 x 160cm
Media: Oil On Canvas
Price: € 6,000.00
Artist: Melissa O'Donnell
Status: Available



Previously featured artwork 'Beautiful Decay' Solo Exhibition 2024. "Part of an exhibition dedicated to my late mother June O'Donnell who I wished to honour. Her favorite flowers were roses and I have fond memories of my parents together in the garden tending roses that were transplanted from their parents homes and repeated this tradition of replanting in each daily home. It's something I continue to do and the simple beautiful rose becomes a very sweet metaphor of a precious memory. The painting is made to feel joyous and elated, by life and love." M O'Donnell

10. Title: Just Peachy, 2023
Dimensions: 70 x 60cm
Media: Oil On Canvas
Price: € 2,250.00
Artist: Melissa O'Donnell
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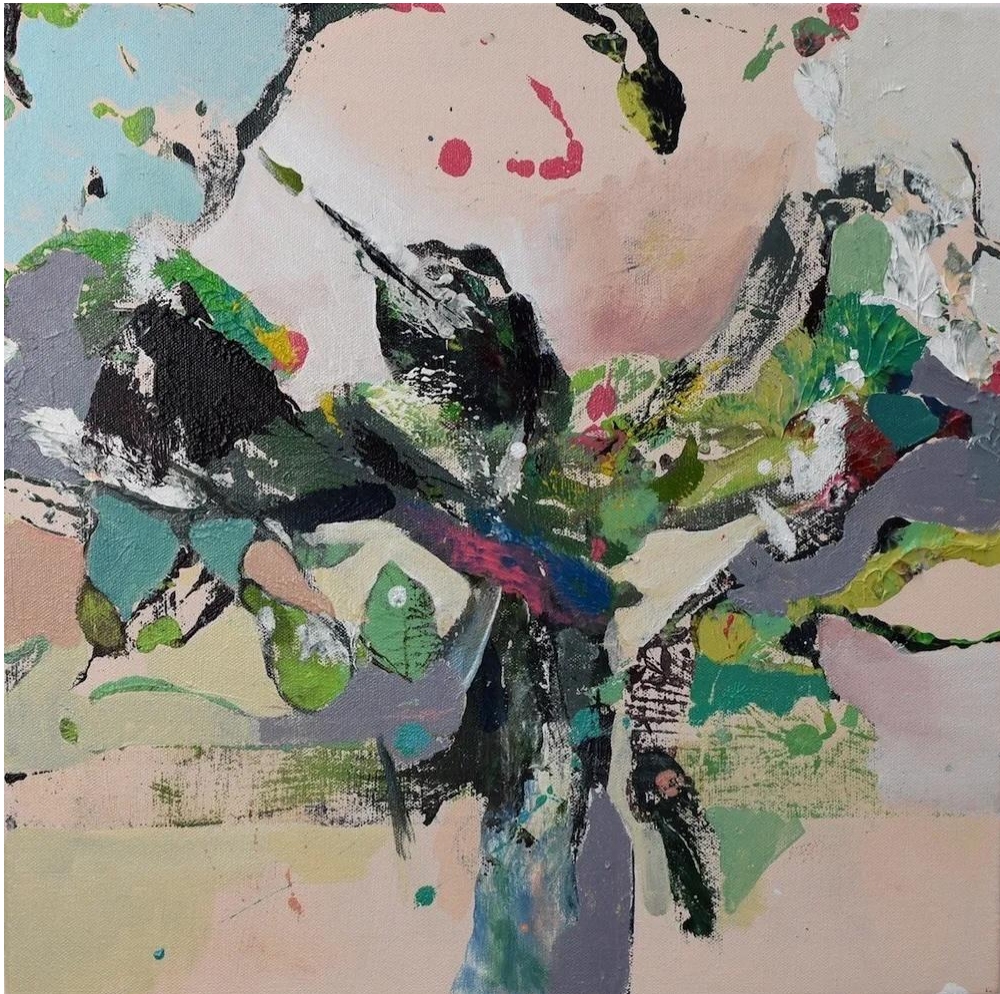
11. Title: Lucien's Flowers, 2024
Dimensions: 160 x 100cm (diptych)
Media: Oil On Canvas
Price: € 6,000.00
Artist: Melissa O'Donnell
Status: Available



Previously featured artwork 'Turning It Over' Solo Exhibition 2022. Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, IRL.

"This is an homage to the influential painter Lucien Freud. His energy and animalistic intensity in his work is astounding. I wanted to capture some of that darkness and energy and paid great attention to each brushstroke and wanted to keep it in motion, active and alive. Darkness to me, is as beautiful as light and need each other to survive." Melissa O'Donnell

12. Title: Way Up High, 2023
Dimensions: 40 x 40 cms
Media: Oil On Canvas
Price: € 1,750.00
Artist: Melissa O'Donnell
Status: Available



‘A playful riff on the song ;Way up High, Where Bluebirds fly...’ These two works were made as a pair as listened repeatedly to the music and I imagined a couple of birds soaring, twisting and celebrating their union” M O'Donnell

13. Title: Where Bluebirds Fly, 2023

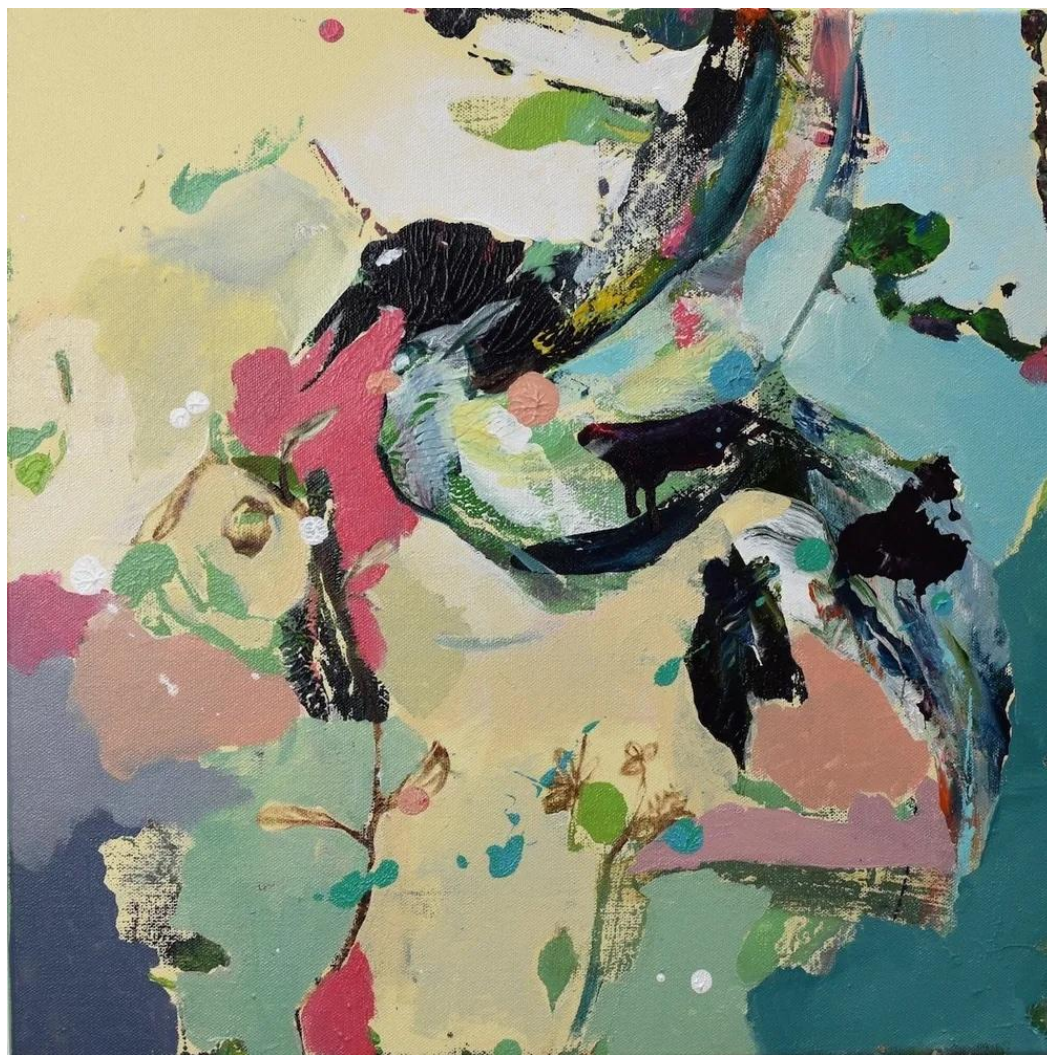
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14. Title: Heckate & The Guardians, 2021

Dimensions: 120 x 150 cm

Media: Oil On Canvas

Price: € 7, 000.00

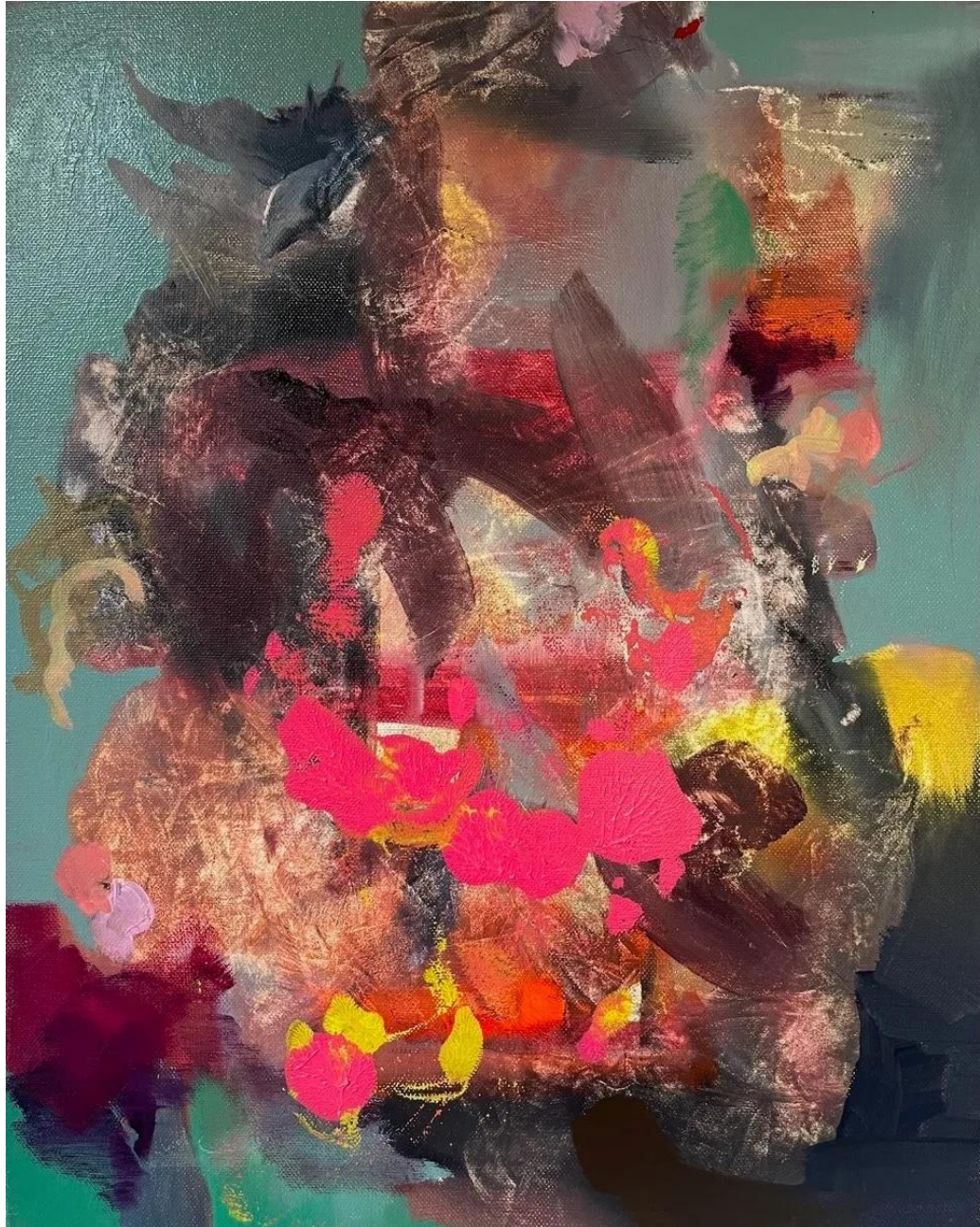
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"This work was made in a frenzy of a two week residency at the wonderful Notre Dame in Kylemore Abbey, Co. Galway. I was surrounded by magnificent views of lakes and mountains and I believe it seeped into this work. At the time I was preoccupied with Greek mythology and 'Heckate' refers to the guardians who protect the gateways to other worlds. The focal point of the seeded pod is luscious and sensuous; it holds the seeds and represents fertility. I added the small rock, to the right as an afterthought as I imagined perhaps, that's actually where all the life is happening, a kind of micro universe." M O'Donnell

15. Title: Spirited Away, 2024
Dimensions: 50 x 60 cm
Media: Oil On Canvas
Price: € 2,000.00
Artist: Melissa O'Donnell
Status: SOLD



16. Title: Countess Luisa, Venice 2024

Dimensions: 50 x 60 cm

Media: Oil On Canvas

Price: € 2,000.00

Artist: **Melissa O'Donnell**

Status: SOLD



17. Title: Modern Fresco No 1 2024

Dimensions: 60 x 70 cm

Media: Oil On Canvas

Price: € 2,250.00

Artist: Melissa O'Donnell

Status: Available



18. Title: Modern Fresco No 4 2024

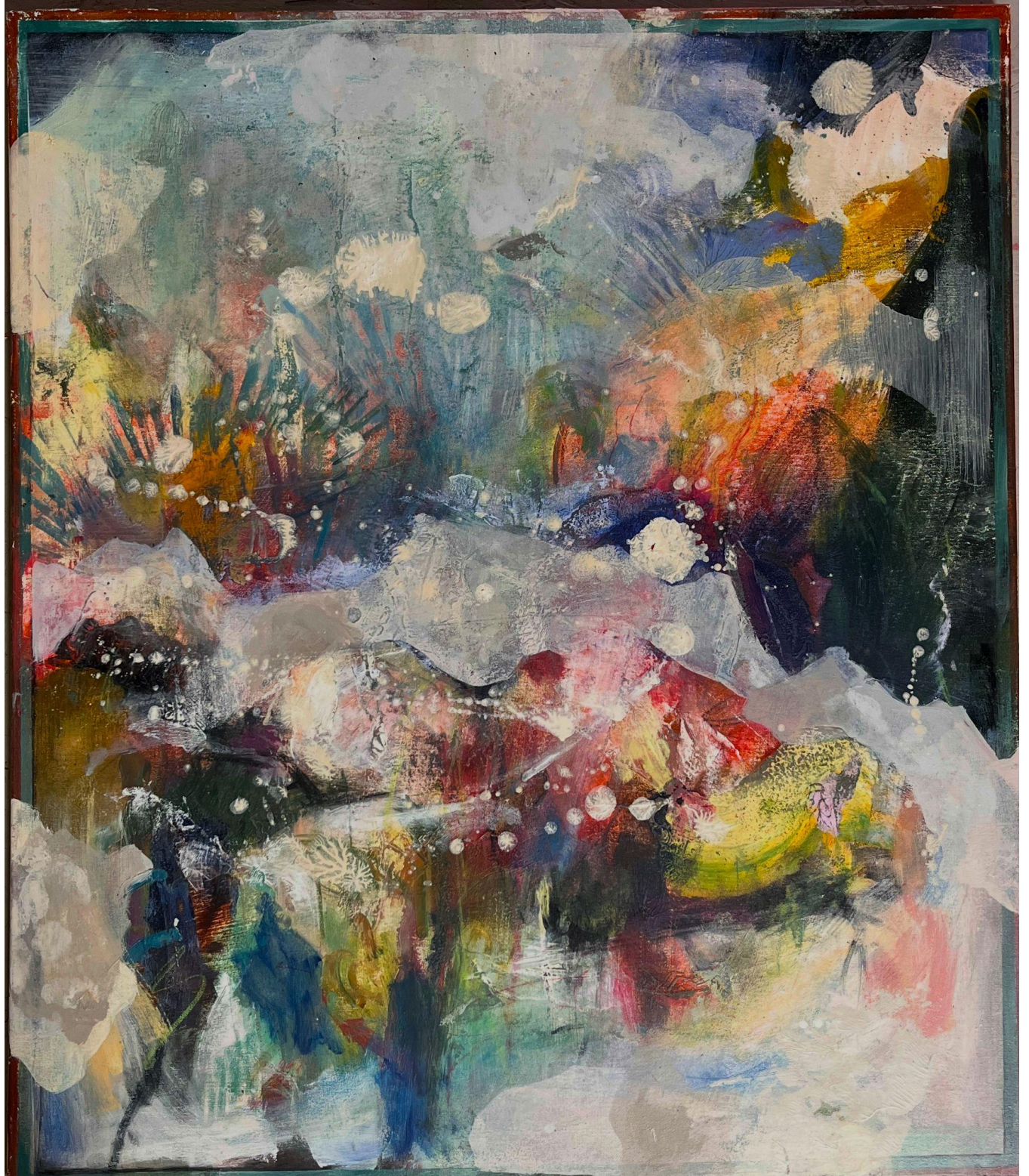
Dimensions: 60 x 70 cm

Media: Oil On Canvas

Price: € 2,250.00

Artist: Melissa O'Donnell

Status: Available



Title: Modern Fresco Series 1-3 2024

Dimensions: 60 x 70 cm

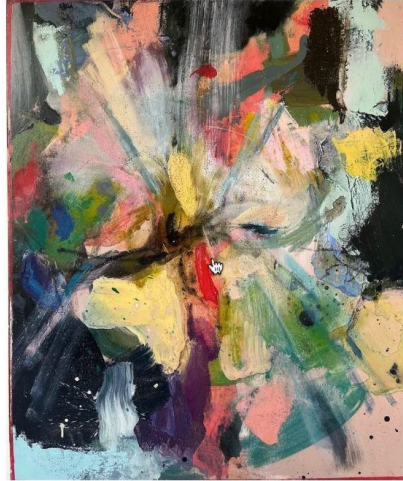
Media: Oil On Canvas

Price: € 2,000.00 each

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Status: Available

Please enquire as there are additional works in this series.





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These works are currently being exhibited and can be viewed at **The Strand Inn, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford.**

List of Available Works

Title	Media	Dimensions	Framed	Price	Available	Sold	Location
1. Rosa, 2024	Oil	100 x 138 cm	N	€ 7,500.00 >€8000.00	Y Framing 500€		Strand displ.
2.Parterre of Renewal, 2024	Oil	145 x 96 cm	Y	€ 7,000.00	Y		Strand
3. Reflected Aviary, 2024	Oil	150 x 120 cm	Y	€ 7,000.00	Y		Strand
4. Aviary of Imagination, 2024	Oil	150 x 120 cm	Y	€ 7,000.00	Y		Strand displ.
5. Deep lagoon, 2024	Oil	80 x 100 cm	N	€ 4,500.00	Y		Strand
6. Aquifer Source, 2024	Oil, fr.	60 x 60 cm	Y	€ 2,150.00	Y		Strand displ.
7. Time Has Changed You, (Giotto Series) 2023	Oil	100 x 160cm (4 panels)	N	€ 6,000.00 >€ 6,670.00	Framing €670 Y		Strand displ.

8. Sensations, 2024	Oil	70 x 100cm (2 panels)	N	€ 4,375.00 >€4,655.00	Framing €280 Y			Strand displ.
9. Rosaito Festival, 2023		100 x 160cm	N	€ 6,000.00 >€ 6,550.00	Framing €550 Y			Strand displ.
10. Just Peachy, 2023	Oil painting	70 x 60cm	N	€ 2500.00 > € 2660.00	Framing 160e Y	Brian/Congreve		
11. Lucien's Flowers, 2024		160 x 100cm (diptych)	N	€ 6,000.00 >€ 6,595.00	Framing €595	Y		Strand displ.
12. Way Up High, 2023		40 x 40 cms	Y	€1,750.0 >€1,845.0	Framing €95	Y		Strand displ.
13. Title: Where Bluebirds Fly, 2023		40 x 40 cms	Y	€1,750.0 >€1,845.0	Framing €95	Y		Strand displ.
14. Title: Heckate & The Guardians, 2021		120 x 150 cm	N	€ 7,000.00	Y			Strand
15. Spirited Away, 2024		50 x 60 cm	N	€ 2,000.00	Y	SOLD		Strand
16. Countess Luisa, Venice 2024		50 x 60 cm	N	€ 2,000.00	Y	SOLD		Strand
17. Modern Fresco no.1		60 x 70 cm	Y	€ 2,500.00 >€ 2,755.00	Framing €255			Strand displ.

18.Modern Fresco No 4 2024	50 x 60 cm	Y	€ 2,500.00 >€ 2,185.00 corrected	Framing €185	Strand disp.
19. Just Peachy SKETCH	28.5 x 20 cm	Y	€ 950.00		Congreve
20..New Growth 2022	50 x 60 cm	N	€ 2,000.00 € 2,185.00	Framing €185	Strand displ.
21.. Afternoo n Garden 2022	50 x 60 cm	N	€ 2,000.00 € 2,185.00	Framing €185	Strand displ.
22,23,24. Modern Fresco Series 1-3	50 x 60 cm	N	€ 2,000.00 € 2,185.00	Framing €185	Strand displ.
25.. Blue Pop	60 x 70 cm	N	€ 2,000.00		Strand