

Internship at Chelssea. NYC ART STUDIO

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Artist-Assistant Internship

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Art and Culture Intern

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Yifei's Artist Bio

Yifei Gao is a painter and mixed media artist who was born in China and moved to California when she was 15. Currently pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) and granted the Merit Scholarship. She was in Artbash, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 2024 and Art for rich people to end global hunger, Valley Gallery, Chicago, 2024. Gao's approach emphasizes the technical aspects of art-making while embracing a sense of emotional detachment, deeply interested in the artificial and unnatural.

Yifei's Artist Statement

Yifei Gao's works predominantly consist of 2D images created with mixed materials, including oil on canvas and watercolor. For me, color is a decisive factor in determining the appeal of a piece. It goes beyond mere aesthetics; color serves as a powerful means of expression, deeply influenced by cultural context. I am fascinated by how color can evoke emotions, how a simple shade or hue can stir profound responses that are shaped by individual and collective experiences.

However, beyond the beauty, there is a persistent sense of emptiness. My work often reflects a tension between the visual allure and the void that lies beneath. While I use color and texture to convey emotion, I am equally drawn to the question: what remains after the beauty fades? This curiosity leads me to explore nihilism in my art—the idea that everything is transient and fleeting. The vibrant colors, while captivating, are ultimately a surface, masking emotions that may dissolve into nothingness. In my work, I strive to balance the attraction of visual beauty with the acknowledgment of its inherent fragility. Beauty can be compelling, but it can also be empty. This paradox is what drives me to create and what I find most compelling to express through my art.

Yifei Gao

Artist

[Portfolio](#)

Art dealer

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EDUCATION

School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL 60603

Graduation '26

- Granted the Merit Scholarship
- Volunteering for the CSSA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- Artbash, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 2024
- Art for rich people to end global hunger, Valley Gallery, Chicago, 2024

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Art Teacher — Private Client, Cupertino, CA

09/2021 - 05/2022

Deliver personalized art instruction to children ages 5–7 in various media, including drawing, painting, and mixed media.

Server — Happy Lamb Hot Pot, San Jose, CA

07/2021 - 02/2022

I provided excellent customer service, managed orders, handled payments, and ensured cleanliness. I coordinated with the kitchen, resolved concerns, and helped achieve team goals.

Meet Fresh — Make boba tea, Cupertino, CA

10/2020 - 03/2021

Tasked with making the best yummy drinks. Deal with customers perfectly.

Optometry — Front desk, Cupertino, CA

07/2021 - 10/2021

I manage patient check-ins, schedule appointments, handle inquiries, process payments, and assist with insurance.

PROFILE

I am a dedicated and detail-oriented art student with a passion for visual storytelling and creative expression. I thrive in collaborative environments and enjoy working closely with artists and curators to bring ideas to life. With a strong work ethic and enthusiasm for learning, I am eager to contribute my skills to a gallery, museum, or artist assistant position while continuing to grow professionally.

SKILLS

- Adobe Photoshop
- Fine Arts Theory
- Oil Painting
- Drawing

LANGUAGES

- Fluent English
- Native Chinese

INTERESTS

- Golf
- Drawing
- Martial Arts

References given on request

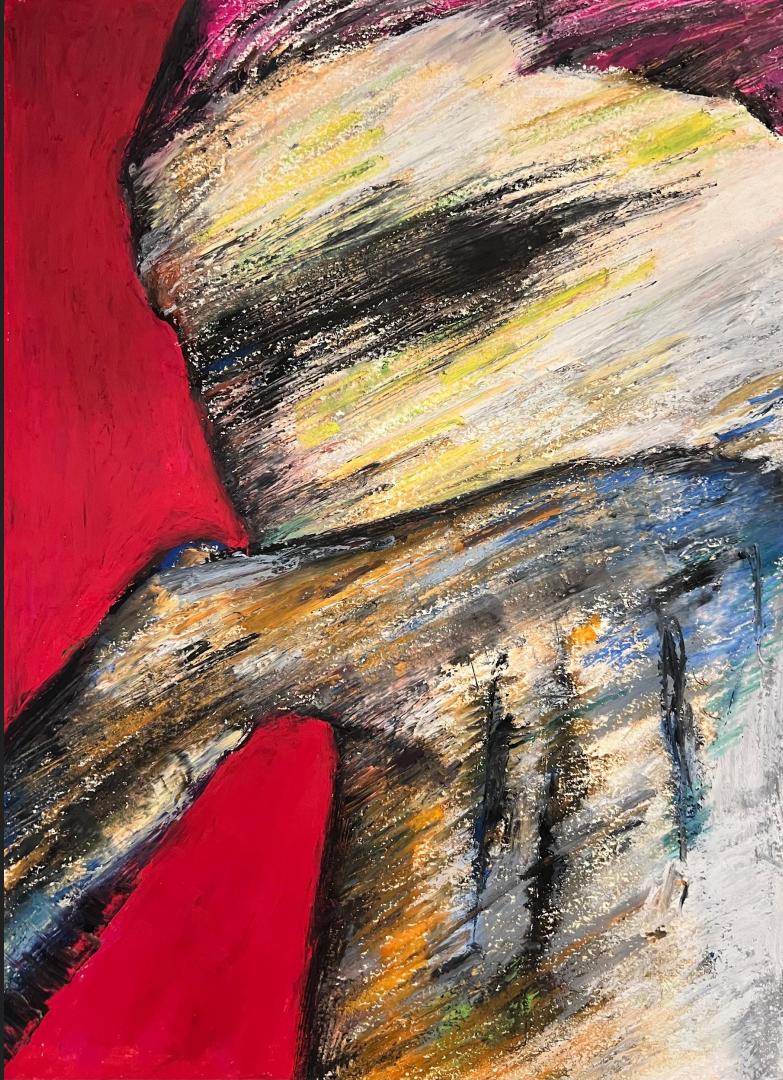


Green Person (小绿人)

34 x 40

May 24

Mix Medium

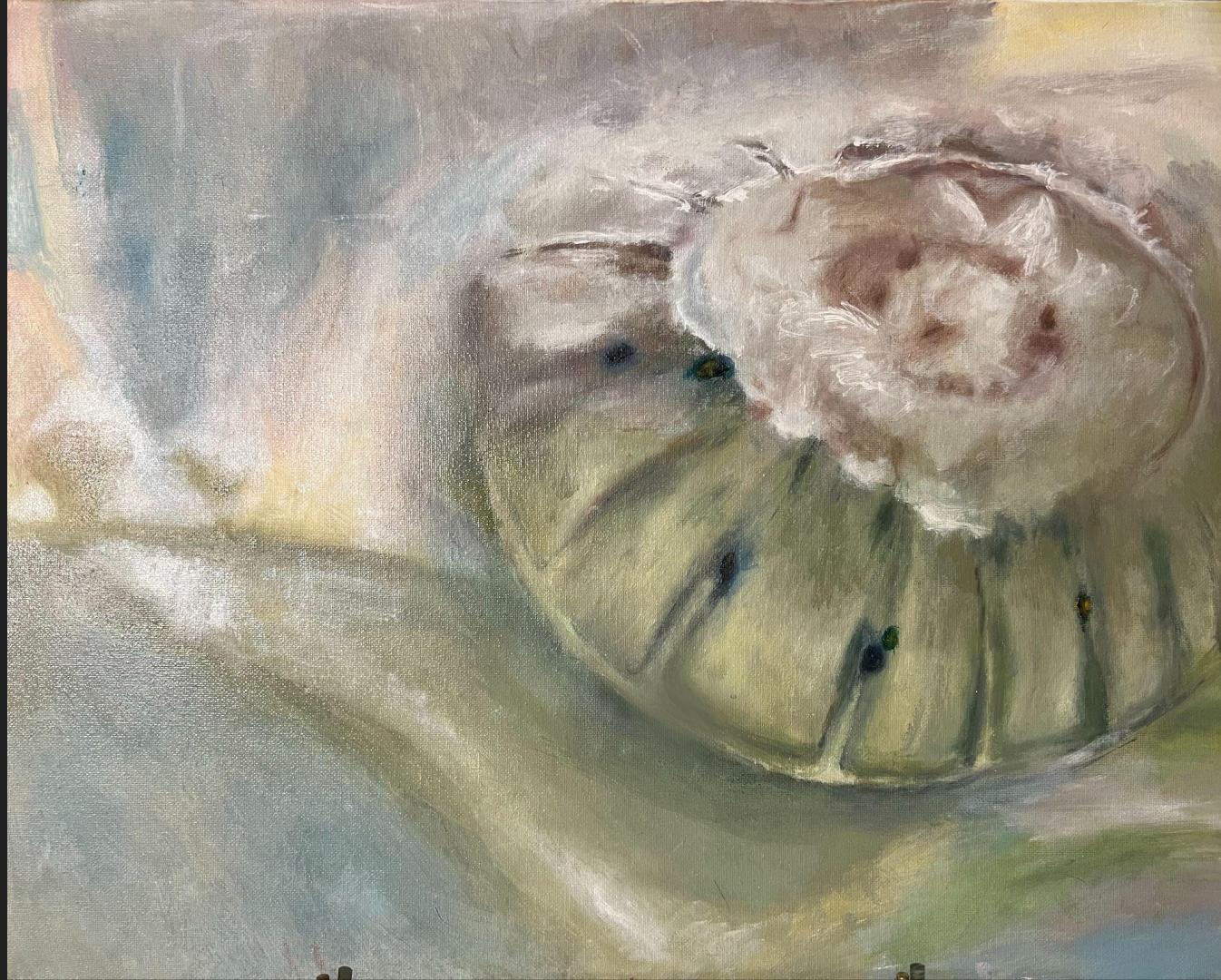


不知道(unknow)

9x12

Sep 24

Mix medium

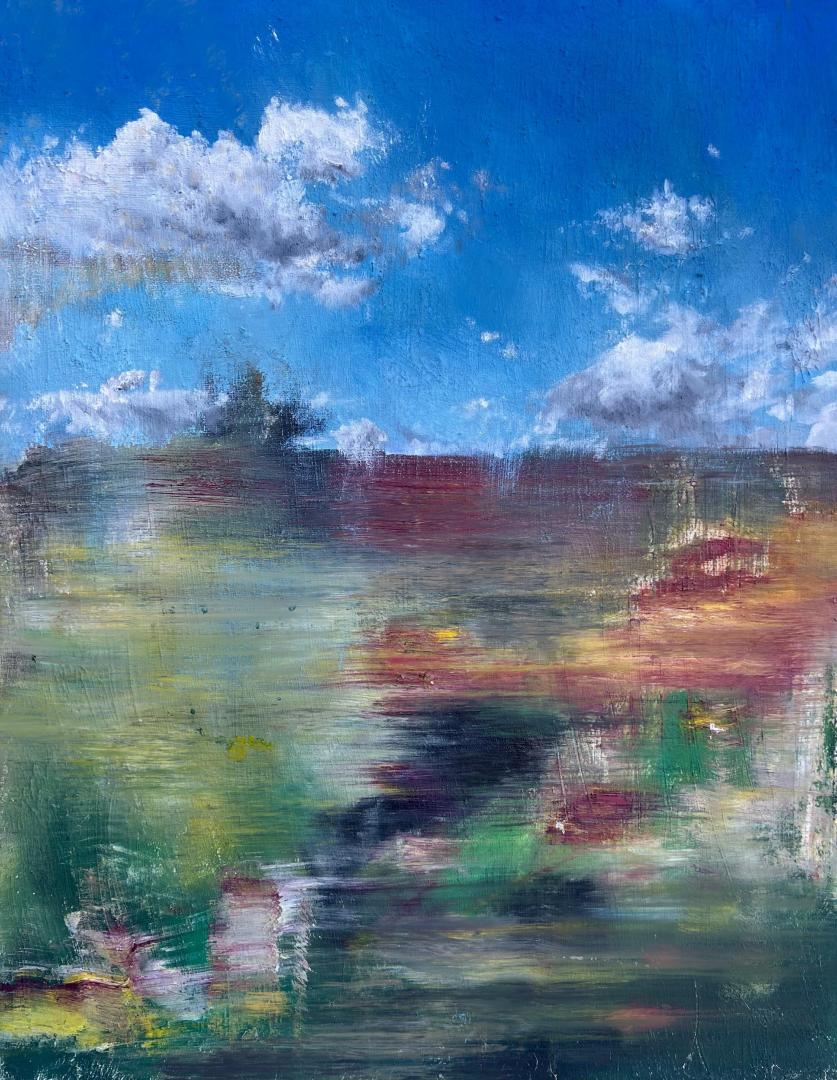


Reflect

16x20

Sep 24

Oil on Canvas

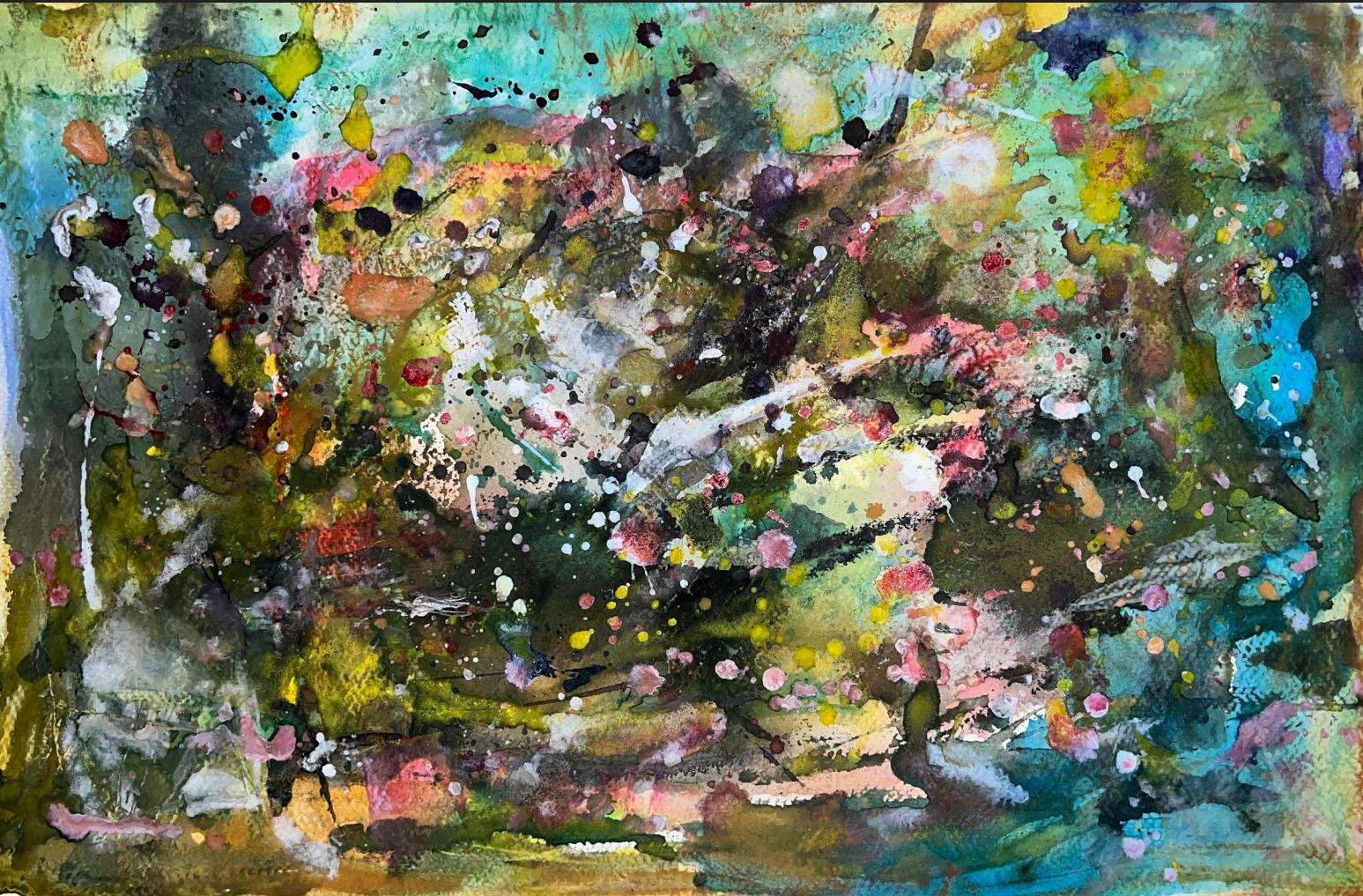


Beautiful world (美丽世界)

16x20

Aug 24

Oil on Canvas



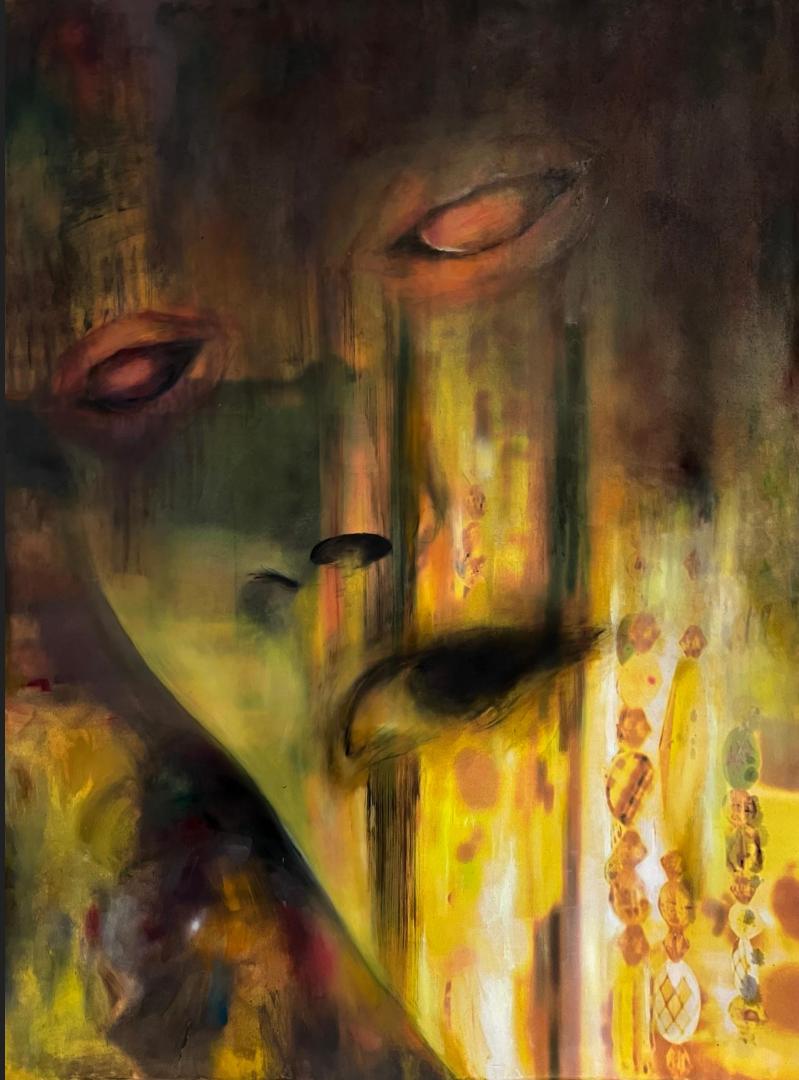
Beautiful world 2

(美丽世界2)

16x20

Oct 24

Mix medium



Untitled

34 x 40

Sep 24

Mix Medium



2023.7.8

24x30

Feb 24

Mix Medium



Wall(墙)

16x20

Oct 23

Watercolor

Airbrush on

watercolor paper

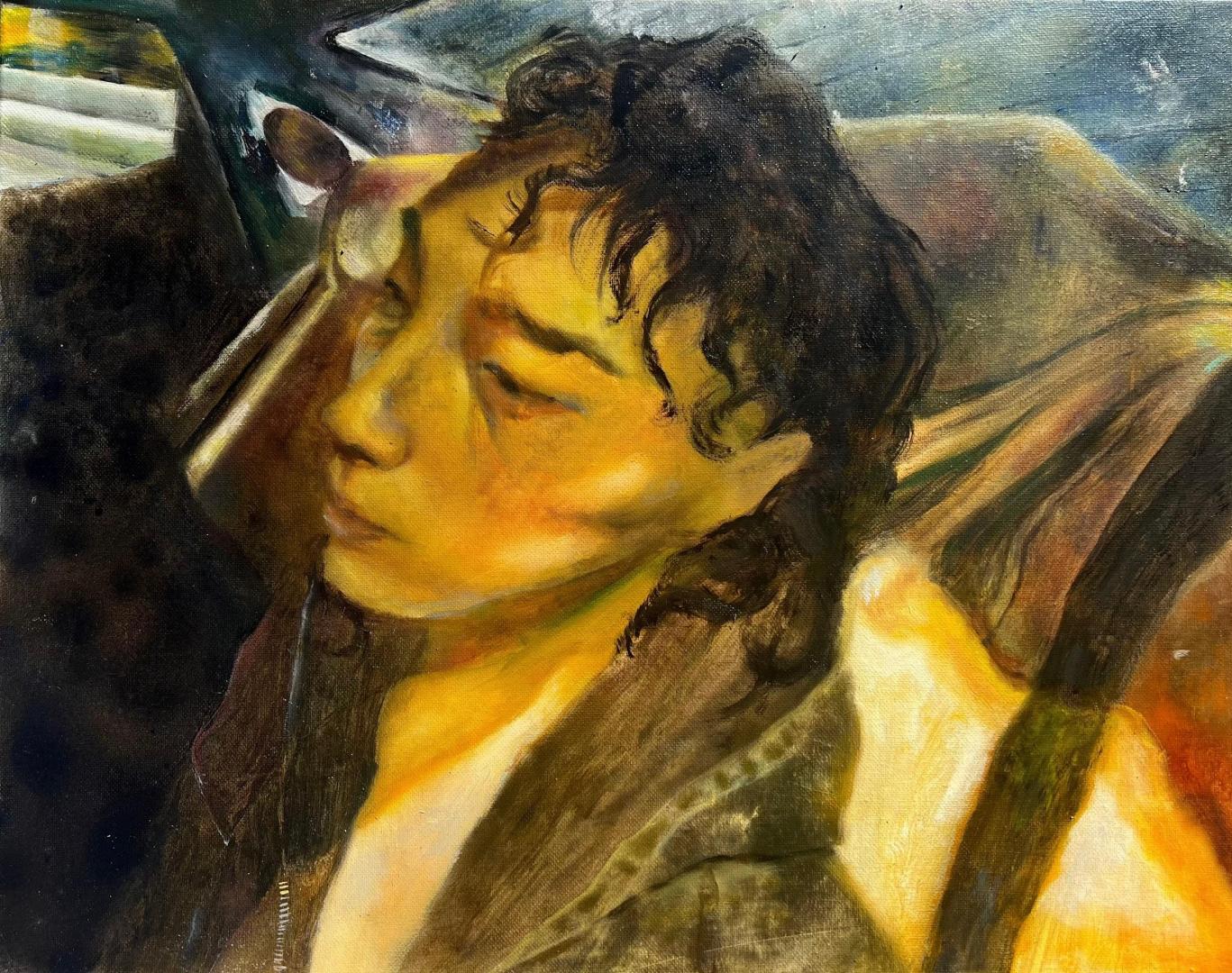


Untitled

9x12

Oct 24

Oil on Watercolor
paper

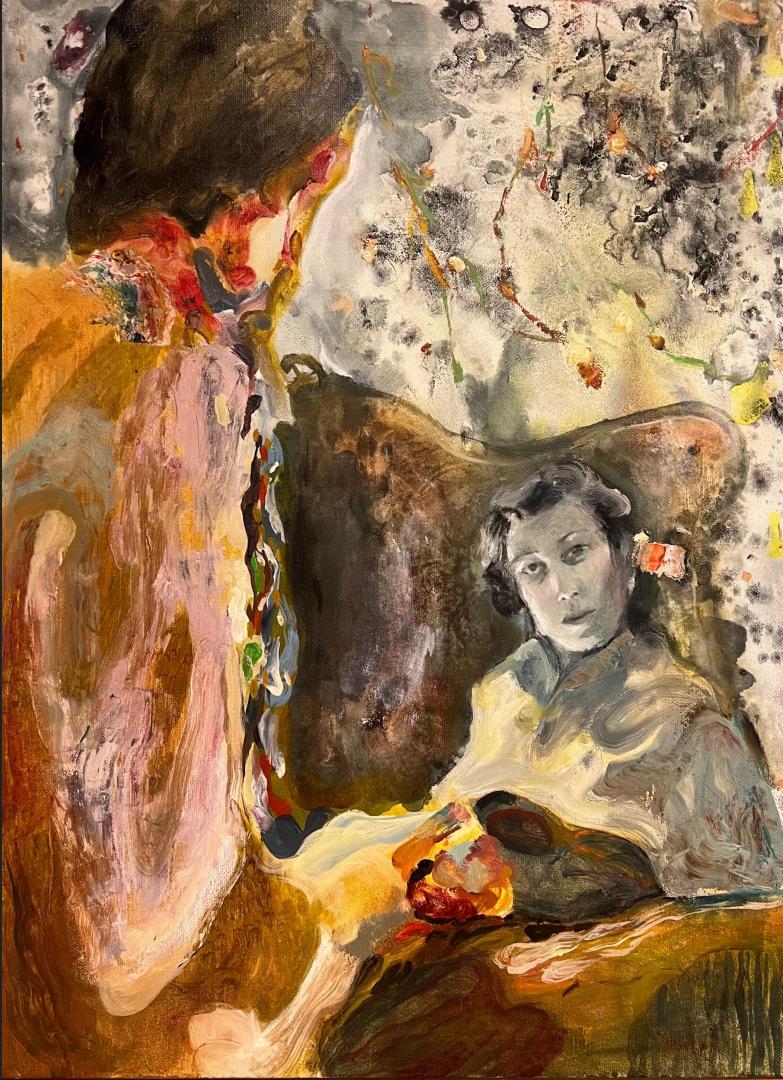


Cab

16x20

Dec 23

Mix Medium



Drop (漏)

18x24

May '24

Mix Medium