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La peinture d'Autumn Ramsey a à voir avec une forme de révélation. Sa poétique si particulière associe une structure picturale traditionnelle, des références personnelles, des intuitions psychologiques, tout en dévoilant une compréhension de ce qui est à l'œuvre dans une peinture et dans l'expérience de celui ou celle qui la regarde. Sa peinture nous met sur le chemin d'une étrange réminiscence, oscillant entre ignoré et trop su. On pourrait définir sa pratique comme un équilibre entre différentes formes d'intelligence et différents aspects de la compréhension. Sur la toile, parfois la figure est repoussée au bord, comme si l'artiste manquait de place comme dans *Hands, Head and Foot*, 2021 qui figurait dans la dernière exposition. Parfois, elle enlève à la figure centrale du tableau son perchoir, seul lieu où il peut se poser, comme dans *Exit*, 2021, oeuvre de cette exposition. Parfois, le regard est dirigé ailleurs, et procure à l'oeuvre une dimension éthérée qui dépasse la compréhension pour se transformer en expérience. Ce n'est pas à partir d'une observation objective qu'elle peint, mais bien à partir de son imagination. Elle inverse ainsi la perception que l'on a de la réalité et de l'imaginaire. Marquée par l'introspection, la peinture d'Autumn Ramsey explore le jeu complexe entre les multiples définitions, identifications, et mémoires de ce qui constitue notre être.

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Autumn Ramsey is an idiosyncratic artist whose paintings possess an intimist's sense of revelation. Embracing traditional pictorial structure combined with personal preferences, psychological insights and poetic feeling, Ramsey's work has an intelligence that is phenomenal in its understanding of what works in a painting and in the viewer's experience of it. Her work has an uncanny sense of recognizing this as well as the point at which visual flourishes often demand something awkward or seemingly incomplete in order to find fulfillment. This balancing of different aspects of understanding, of different intelligences, defines her practice. She will at times push a figure to the edge of the canvas as if it's running out of room as in *Hands, Head and Foot*, 2021, exhibited as part of her last exhibition with the gallery in 2021, or she takes away a figure's secure perch as in *Exit*, also 2021, and included in this exhibition. Sometimes she directs the gaze elsewhere, giving the work an ethereal quality that exceeds a simple understanding and instead addresses experience in its broadest terms. Ramsey paints less from objective observation so much as she brings her imagination into play. We tend to think of dreams and the imagined as being less real and believe waking moments to be reality. Marked by self-reflection, Ramsey's work explores the complicated play between these varied recognitions of being in each of us as well as our desire to realize our nature in a way that we sense is shared but often defies description.

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*Exit*, 2021, Oil on canvas  
76 x 61 cm | 30 x 24 inches

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*Blush*, 2022 , Oil on canvas  
71 x 56 cm | 28 x 22 inches

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Sirens, 2023, Oil on canvas  
2 panels, 122 x 91,5 cm | 48 x 36 inches, each  
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*True Vine*, 2023, Oil on canvas  
76 x 61 cm | 30 x 24 inches

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*They Repose*, 2022, Oil on canvas  
2 panels, 76 x 61 cm | 30 x 24 inches, each  
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*Two Carp*, 2020, Oil on canvas

56 x 71 cm | 22 x 28 inches

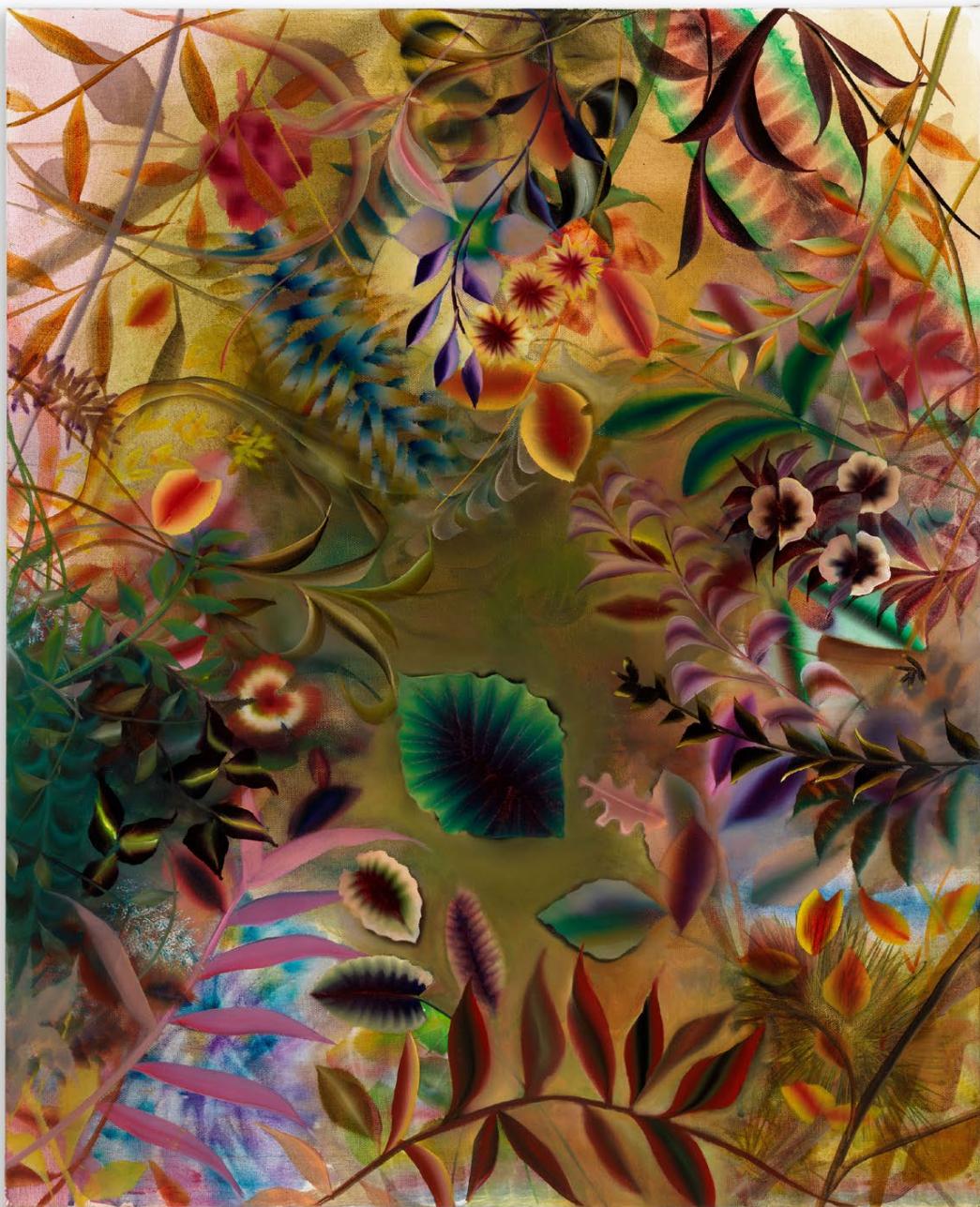
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A Soft Opening, 2023, Oil on canvas  
76 x 61 cm | 30 x 24 inches

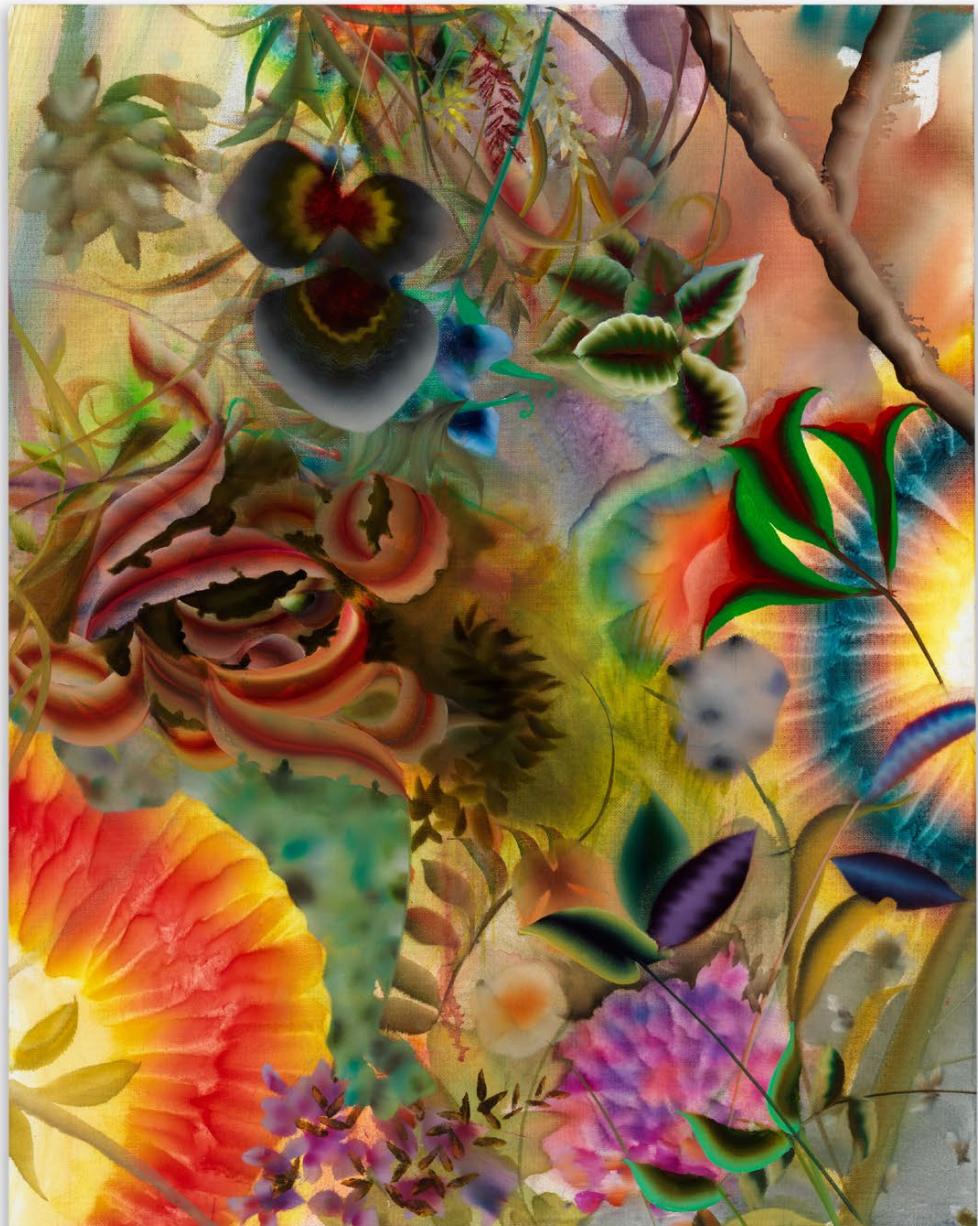
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*The Myth of Venus*, 2023, Oil on canvas  
71 x 56 cm | 28 x 22 inches

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