

# ECSTASIS AND THE ALCHEMY OF THINGS

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## ***Ecstasis***

To stand in awe of the wonder and mystery that is our universe and our place in it.

*We are told that within the flux of phenomena, and embedded in the very structure of life itself, is fractal geometry – a system of repeating, holographic patterns – even time – and as we exist within the universe so its patterns and structures are within us. Yet our perception, unaided by technology, cannot see this order. As receptacles, we can only sense the energy and intuit the design, receiving the vibrations, filtering them, and offering them back in the form of creative constructions that attempt to reconcile inner desires with outward experiences.*

‘To stare...to attempt to enter...to discuss with self....follow the colours....a world appears only for a second...then shifts to LINE’ Walter Price

## ***Alchemy***

To transform

*Acceptance of what IS is key in the transformative aspects of alchemy and creative being. The works in this exhibition take the form of devotional objects (apparently purposeless things) to pay homage to something unknowable, but recognisable. The ‘fragment’ is an important element. Although life’s experiences may appear disjunctive and chaotic, these paintings and sculptures are faith in an implicate synergistic order. Sometimes an air of wobbliness with points of slippage and leakage gives a slightly unstable feel. Yet, despite a certain precarity, the things involved hold themselves together, in self awareness.*

All things are only things for a time.



*PUT ON YOUR OLD SUMMER DRESS*

acrylic, oil, oilstick, canvas and linen collage on canvas, framed 2024

80 x 64cm

\$2500



*KALEIDOSCOPING*

acrylic, oil and oilstick on canvas

2024

60 x 50cm

\$1500



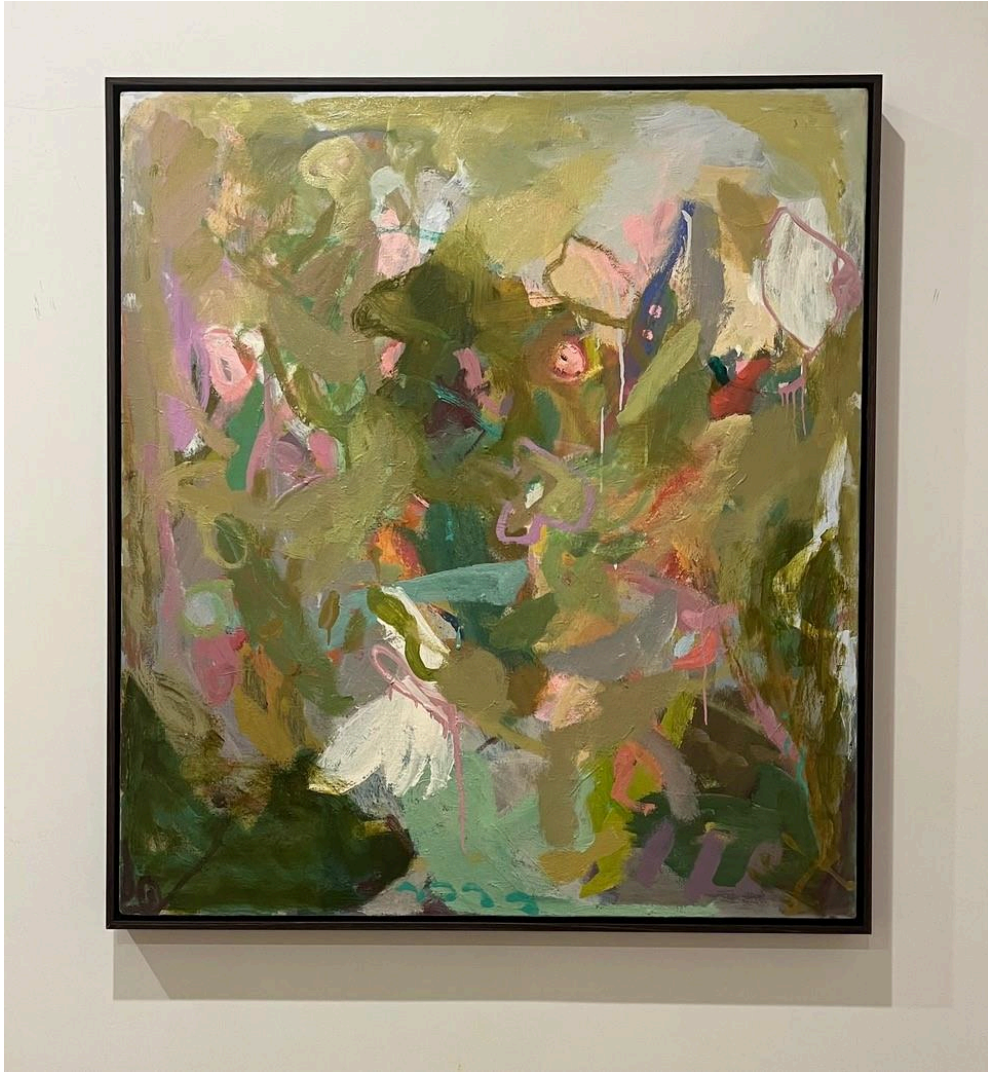
*SHAKESPEARE'S ALLEY*

acrylic, oil and oilstick on panel, vintage frame

2024

48 x 38cm

\$1500



*A DOZEN DEAD OCEANS*

acrylic, oil and oilstick on canvas, framed

2024

105 x 95cm

\$3500



*LIE LA LIE*  
glazed earthenware, repurposed timber, assembled on artist's banding  
wheel

2024

39 x 16 x 16cm

\$800



*RAIN COMING IN*  
acrylic, oil, oilstick on linen

2024

40 x 30cm

\$700





*PICTURES OF YOU*

acrylic, oil, oilstick, canvas and linen collage on archival  
artist's board, framed

2024

33 x 28cm

\$800



*SUNSET OVER SEA*

acrylic, oil and oilstick on linen, framed

2024

53 x 43cm

\$1500



*ELETHEA*  
glazed earthenware, repurposed timber

2024

30 x 15 x 15cm \$800



*THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN*

acrylic, oil, oilstick, canvas, cardboard and linen collage on birchwood panel, framed

2024

43 x 38cm

\$1200



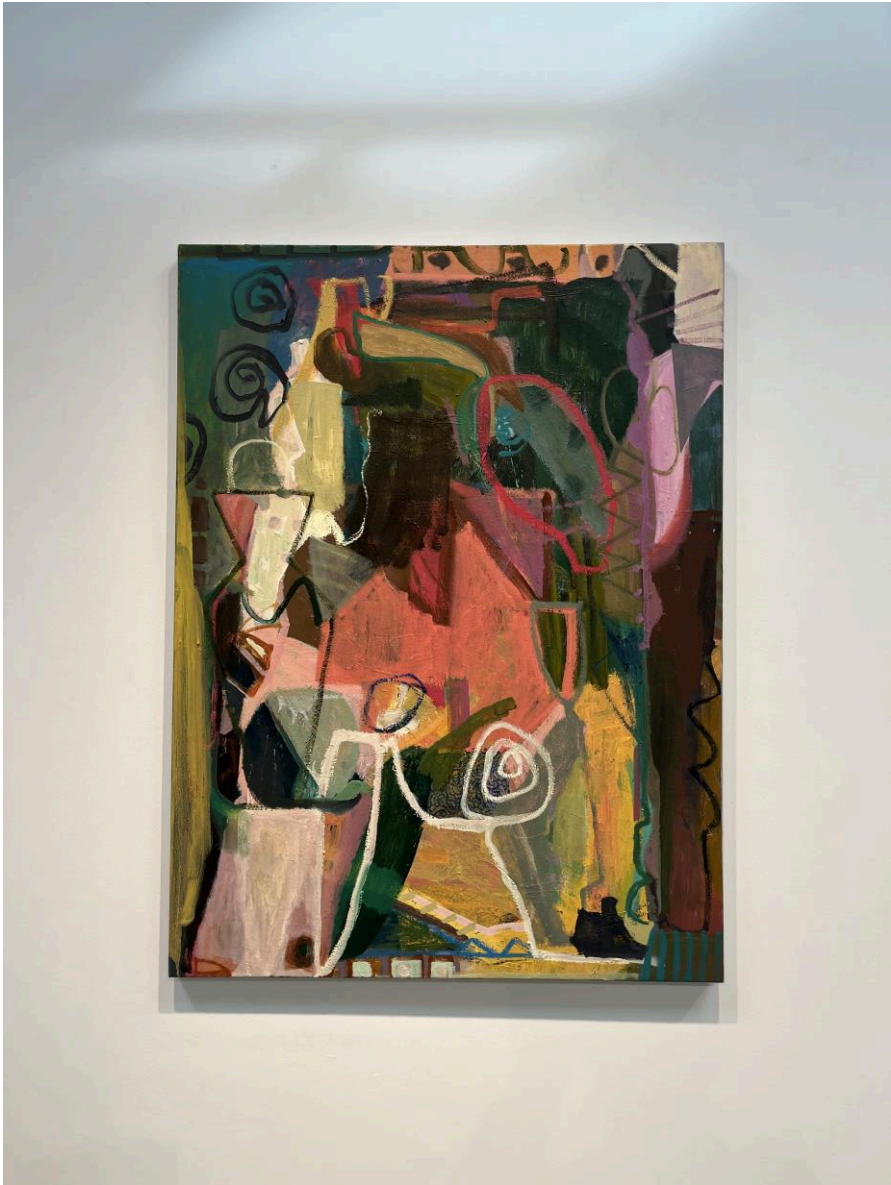
*LOVE LOST*

acrylic, oil and oilstick canvas collage on archival canvas board, framed

2024

33 x 28cm

\$700



*VIDA LEELA*  
acrylic, oil and oilstick on canvas

2024

120 x 90cm

\$3300



*ANGE*  
glazed earthenware, repurposed timber

2024

20 x 9 x 9cm

\$650



*CLOUDS SO SWIFT*  
acrylic, oil, oilstick on linen, framed

2024

40 x 30cm

\$1500





*LOVESONG*  
acrylic and oil on linen, framed

2024

43 x 32cm

\$1500



*INAGADDA*

acrylic, oil, oilstick on panels, framed

2024

23 x 23cm

\$750

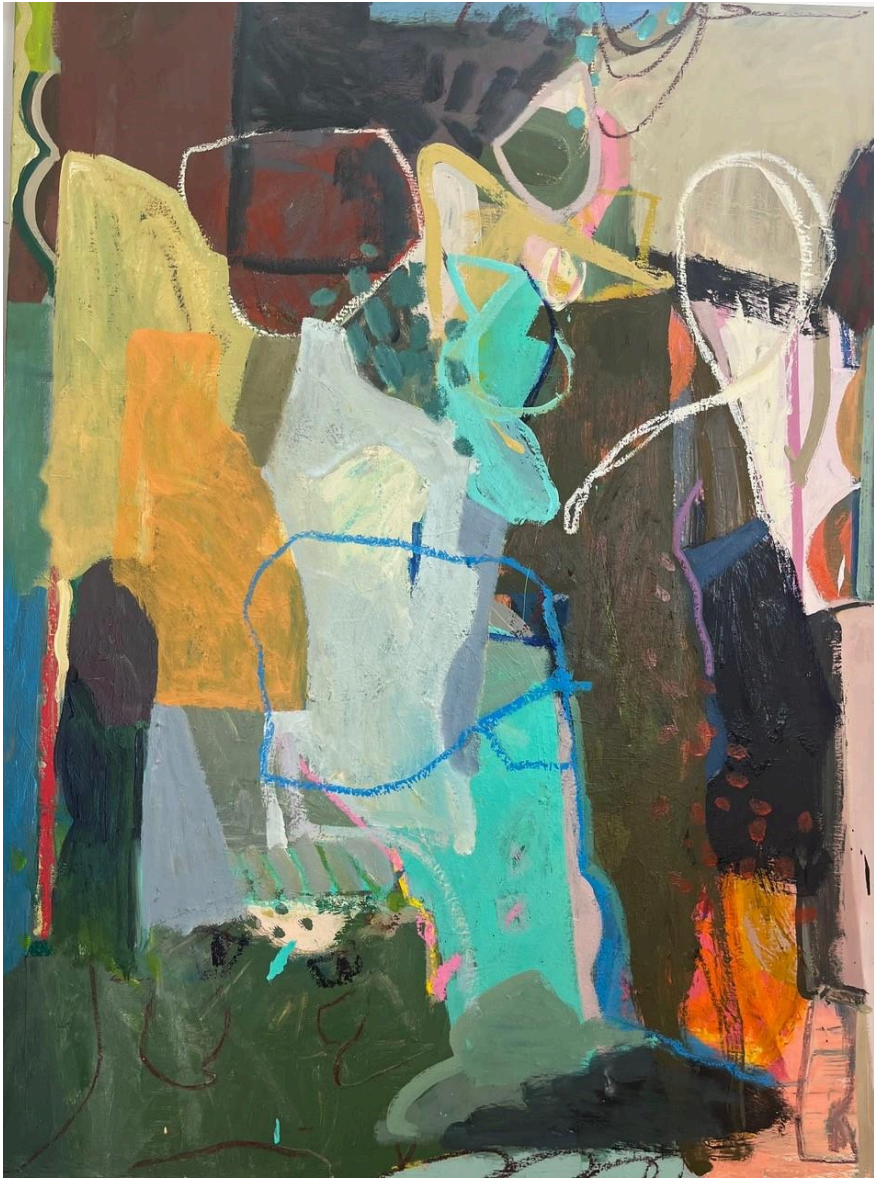


*JUST LIKE HEAVEN*  
acrylic, oil, marker and oilstick on panels

2024

30 x 30cm

\$750



*WAVELENGTH*  
acrylic, oil, oilstick on linen

2024

120 x 90cm

\$3300



*A SKY THAT CRIES*

acrylic, oil, oilstick, canvas and cardboard collage on archival  
canvas board, vintage frame

2024

33 x 28cm

\$700



*I NEVER PROMISED YOU A ROSE GARDEN*  
acrylic, oil, oilstick on canvas

2024

120 x 90cm

\$3300



*DELTA DAWN*  
glazed earthenware, repurposed timber

2024

25 x 18 x 18cm

\$800



*DAWN SURPRISE*

acrylic, oil, pencil, canvas collage on birch panel on archival canvas panel,  
framed

2024

31 x 26cm

\$700





*COSMIC DANCER*

acrylic, oil and oilstick on paper, framed

2024

91 x 71cm

\$2500



*THE RAGMAN DREW CIRCLES*  
acrylic, oil and oilstick on canvas, framed

2024

105 x 95cm

\$3500



*CLIMB THAT RIDGE*

acrylic, oil, oilstick, canvas collage on panel on repurposed artist's  
stretcher

2024

25 x 20cm

\$600



Installation view, *A DOZEN DEAD OCEANS* (rear), *LIE LA LIE* (front)



Installation view, *WAVELENGTH* (L), *A SKY THAT CRIES* (R)



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