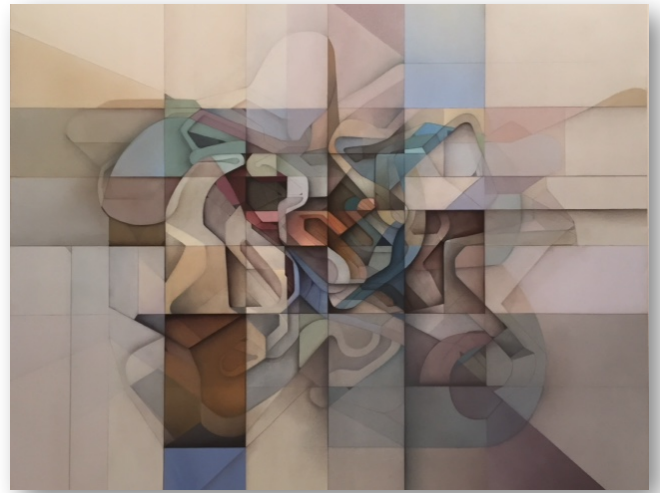




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As a child growing up in Queens, NY, I needed a place that I could go to have control over situations. I was drawn to painting, where I could make the decisions and orchestrate things to my liking or you could say, how I wanted things to be.

As an adult, I still need to control my environment. I start these paintings with a grid, which is comforting to me, and easily understood. It is also confining, by locking me into a simple system of boxes. The grid itself leaves nothing to question:

it is symbolic of things in life that are absolute – breath, gravity and light.

This grid backdrop is where I exercise my need to shape the many facets of my life. By manipulating it with colors and lines, I bend, hide and choose what stays and what gets lost. I need something to break away from. I gain a sense of freedom by breaking out of the confines of the grid, even if it is self-manufactured.

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## Artist Bio

### EDUCATION

San Francisco Art Institute, CA 1995–1998

Bachelor of Fine Arts – Painting

Parsons School of Design, NY 1994–1995

### SELECTED SHOWS

2016

AHA Fine Art “Lost in Rhythm”

Scope NYC with Joseph Gross Gallery

Luna Rienne Gallery, San Francisco “Elemental”

2015

Aqua Art Fair with AHA Fine Art

Texas Contemporary Art Fair with Joseph Gross Gallery, New York, NY

Groundfloor Gallery “Hello, again Bushwick” Brooklyn, NY

ArtNow “Into the Wild” New York NY

Select Art Fair with TSA Gallery, New York, NY

Affordable Art Fair with Uprise Art, New York, NY

2014

Galerie Wolfsen “STREET LIFE (gruppeudstilling)” Aalborg, Denmark

Luna Rienne Gallery “Distortion” San Francisco, CA

Kianga Ellis Project, New York, NY

Flushing Town Hall Gallery “Community Art Project” Queens, NY

Affordable Art Fair with H.O.V, New York, NY

2013

Bernarducci Meisel Gallery “Nurture Art Benefit” New York, NY

Wassaic Project, Sandwich Summit, Wassaic, NY

Governors Island Art Fair New York, NY

Arcilesi & Homberg Fine Art “Life Lines Brooklyn, NY

Modern Eden Gallery “Art of the Tarot” San Francisco, CA

Ground Floor Gallery Brooklyn, NY

2012

Arcilesi & Homberg Fine Art “Push” New York, NY

Rush Arts Gallery “Curate NYC” New York, NY

Luna Rienne Gallery “Abstract Geometry” San Francisco, CA

### PUBLISHED ARTWORK

Sex + Design, San Francisco, CA 2012

Keep ON Magazine, London England 2004

Freedom Book, San Francisco, CA 2003

Virgin Records, London England, 2000

Panhandle Records, San Francisco, CA 1999