

Elena Chestnykh

Songs of Summer

A Solo Exhibition

Presented by The Untitled Space

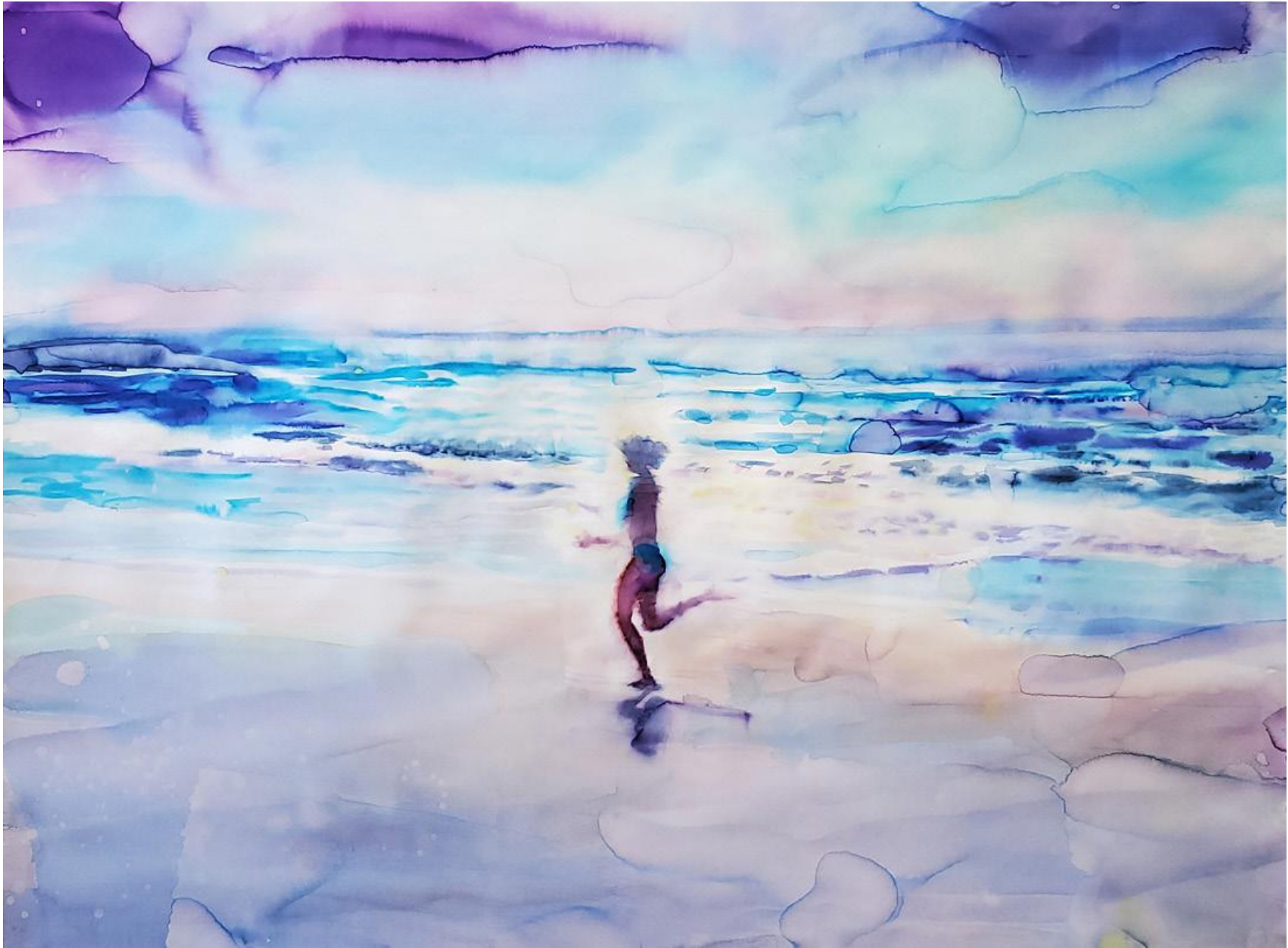
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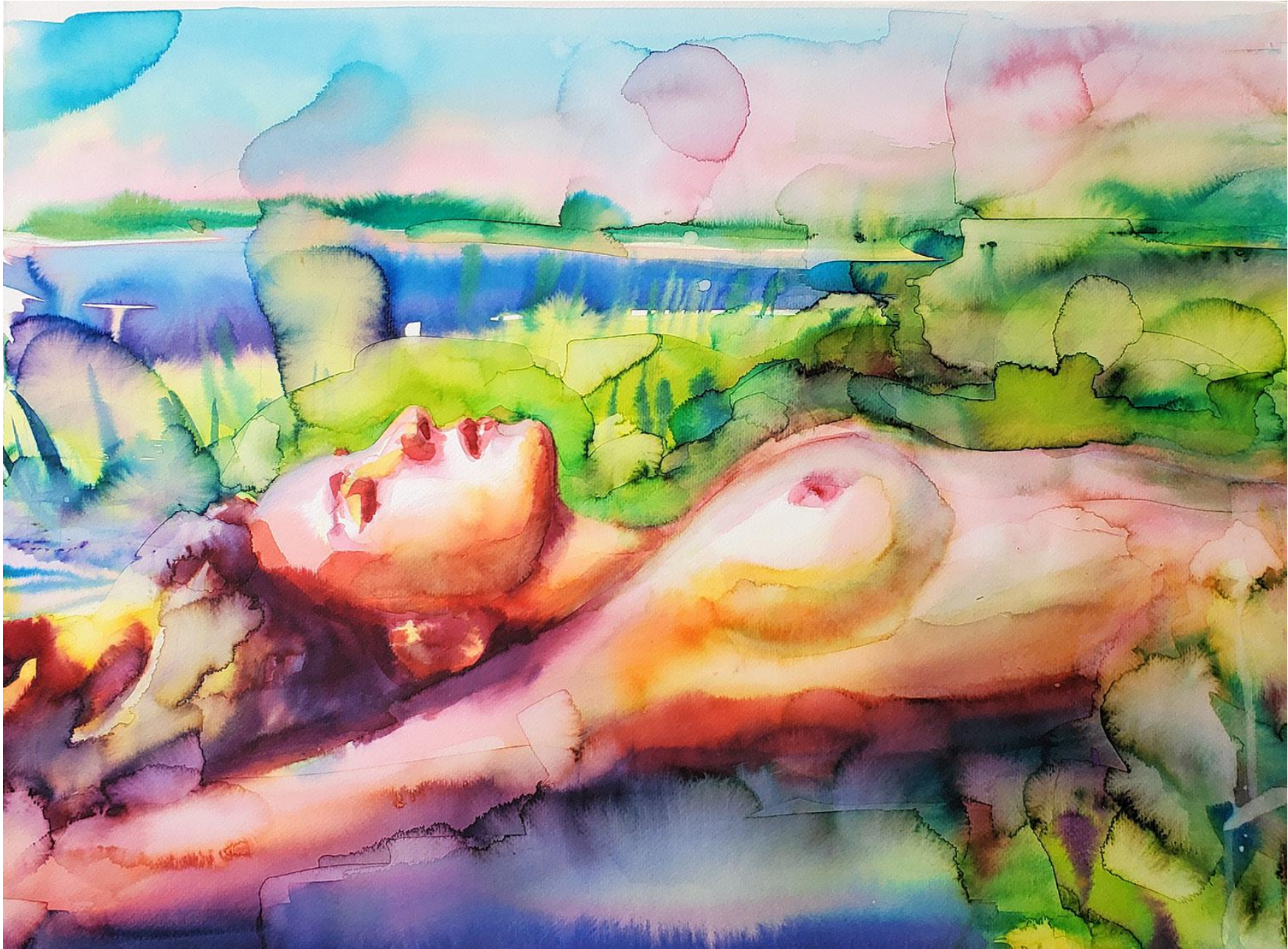
The Untitled Space is pleased to present “Songs of Summer,” a solo exhibition of artist Elena Chesnykh opening on June 8th and on view through June 22nd, 2023. Curated by Indira Cesarine, the exhibition showcases Chesnykh’s ethereal watercolors and oil paintings that radiate the joy of summer, celebrating self-love, body positivity, self-liberation, and the human connection with nature. The artist’s gestural brush strokes and usage of wet-on-wet ink and watercolor techniques evoke an air of mystery in her paintings, often masking the silhouettes’ identifiable characteristics without compromising their femininity. Through the lens of the female gaze, Chesnykh’s unapologetic nude figures represent the universality of the female experience, while her landscapes engage a poetic idealism. Chesnykh has previously been featured in a number of group shows at the gallery, and her forthcoming exhibition will mark her debut solo exhibit as a represented artist of The Untitled Space.

Elena Chesnykh was born in Novosibirsk, Russia, and currently lives and works in New York City. She has exhibited both nationally and internationally, including with the Museum of Contemporary Art Erarta (MCAE) in Saint-Petersburg, the Art Center WINZAVOD in Moscow, the State Museum of Novosibirsk, Tomsk, and Kemerovo in Russia, and Nord Art 2010, Rendsburg, Germany. In 2013, “Urban Reflections” traveled to New York Erarta Gallery and became Chesnykh’s first solo exhibition in the United States. Chesnykh has also presented works in New York at SFA Projects Gallery, The Royal Gallery, R&D Studio BUSHWOOD, Trenton Artwork Center, NJ, and in a selected group exhibition at the School of Visual Art Gallery in Chelsea, NYC.

“With my artistic practice, I create oil paintings and watercolors that focus on issues of gender, body, and the self. I explore different aspects of human existence through the subject, a woman searching for and creating her identity, her place in the world, and finding self-empowerment. This woman strikes a balance within herself, her body, and her sexuality. I see the female body as a source of vitality, desire, and power. My attention to the body comes from my immigrant experience. I left my country and everything I had, but my body is inseparable. It belongs only to me. It physically presents itself, like an anchor connecting me with reality. My latest series of paintings is about the joy and pleasure of being alive and connecting with nature. It is about oneness with the environment, exploring one’s innate wild nature, inner beauty, and power. In the past year and a half, as Russia wages a war of aggression against the Ukrainians, I have reflected on the long history of violence, repression, and fear, as well as the devaluation of an individual’s life outside the political ideology, and the learned helplessness rooted in Russian culture. Through these vibrant watercolors, I want to overcome this tradition of self-suppression, learned in childhood, and assert one’s right to seek individual happiness.” – Elena Chesnykh



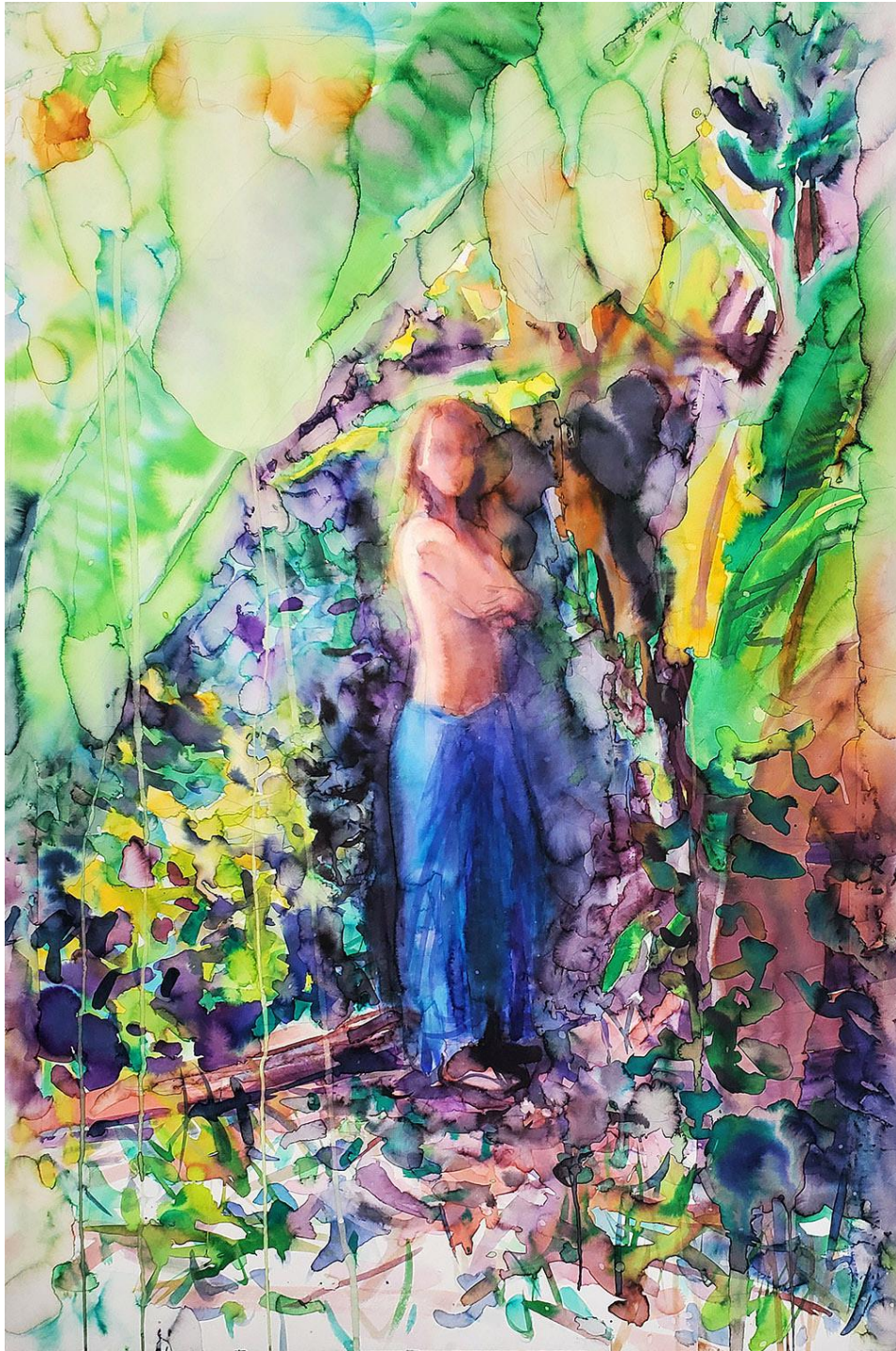
Sparkling Day, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
41" x 52"



Dreaming by the River, 2023
Watercolor on Paper
Art 24" x 18", Framed 29" x 23"



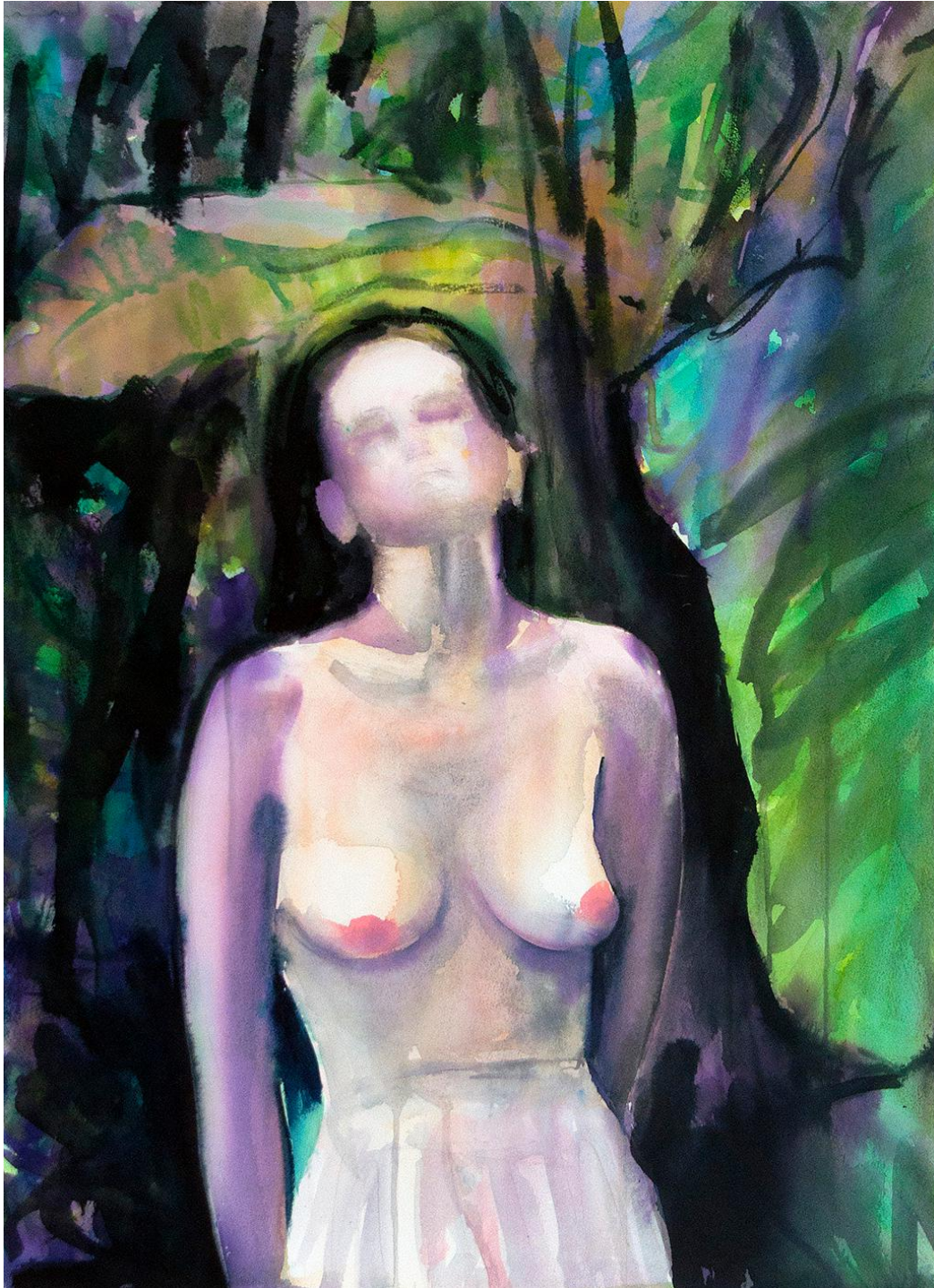
Vieques in April, 2023
Watercolor on Paper
Art 18" x 24", Framed 24" x 32"



Sunshine in Tropical Garden, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 47" x 32", Framed 53" x 37"



Summer Idling, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 18" x 24", Framed 23" x 29"



Enchanted, 2020
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 30" x 22", Framed 35" x 28"



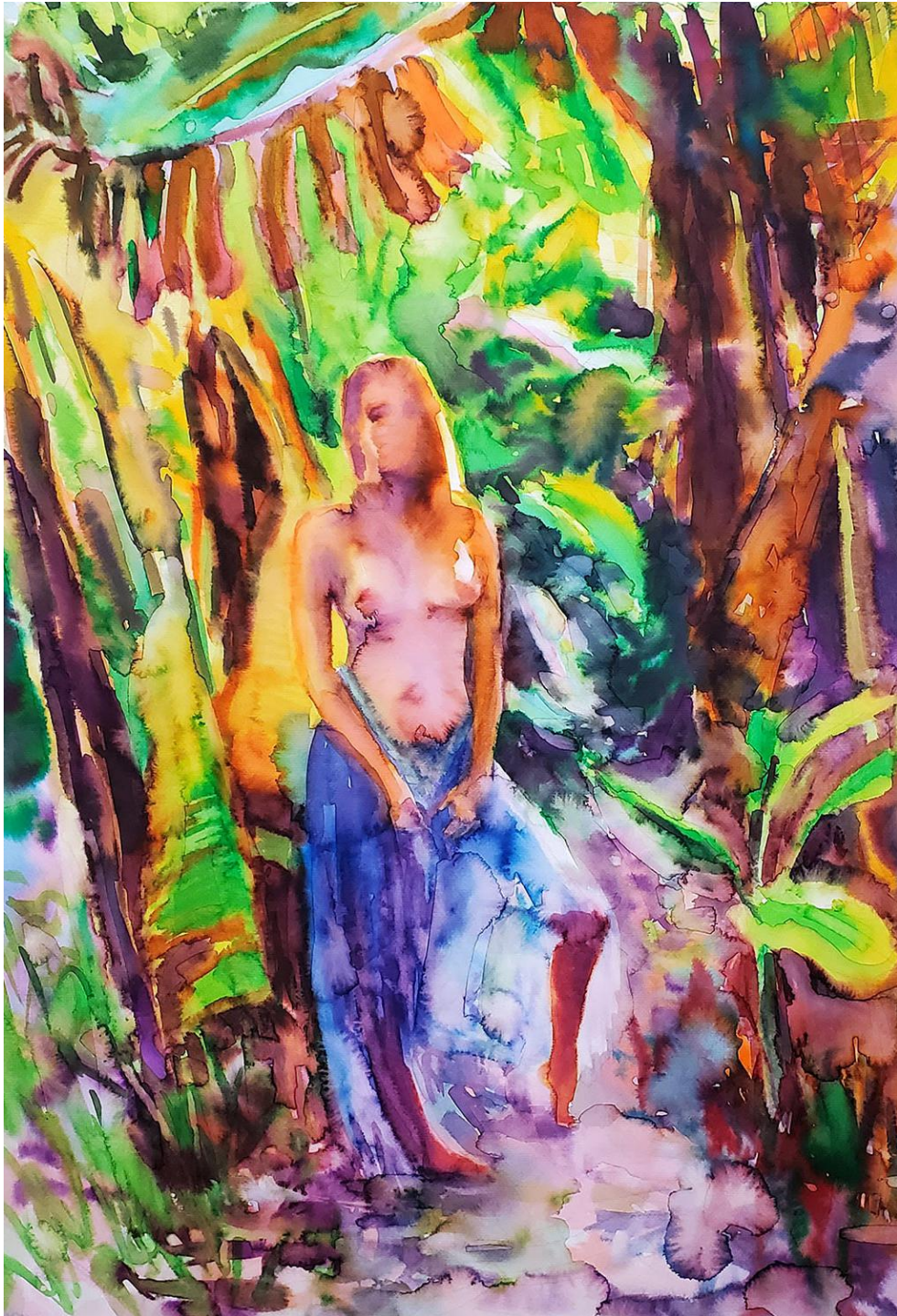
Only Sky and Ocean, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 32" x 48", Framed 37" x 53"



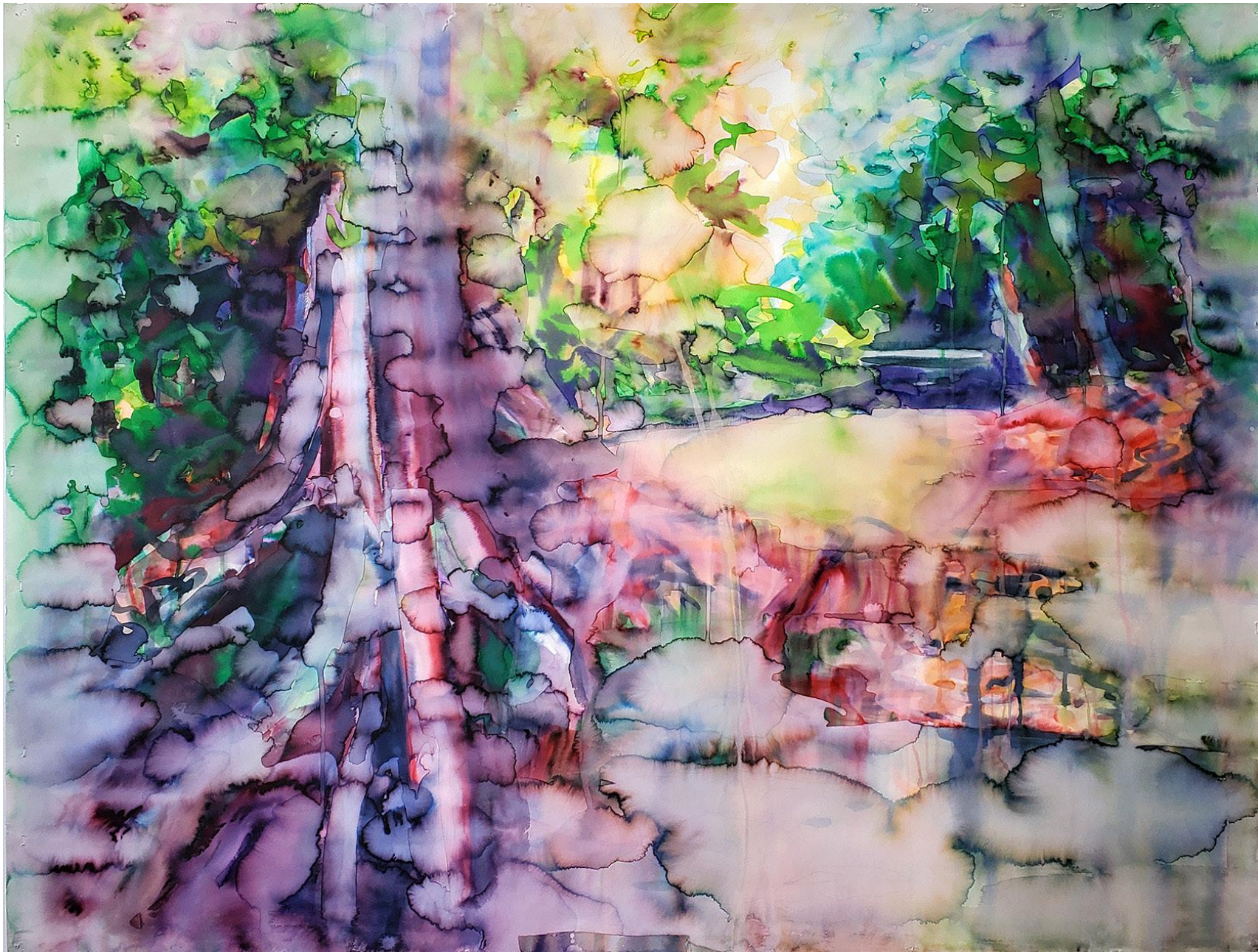
Alone with Summer, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 34" x 46", Framed 39" x 51"



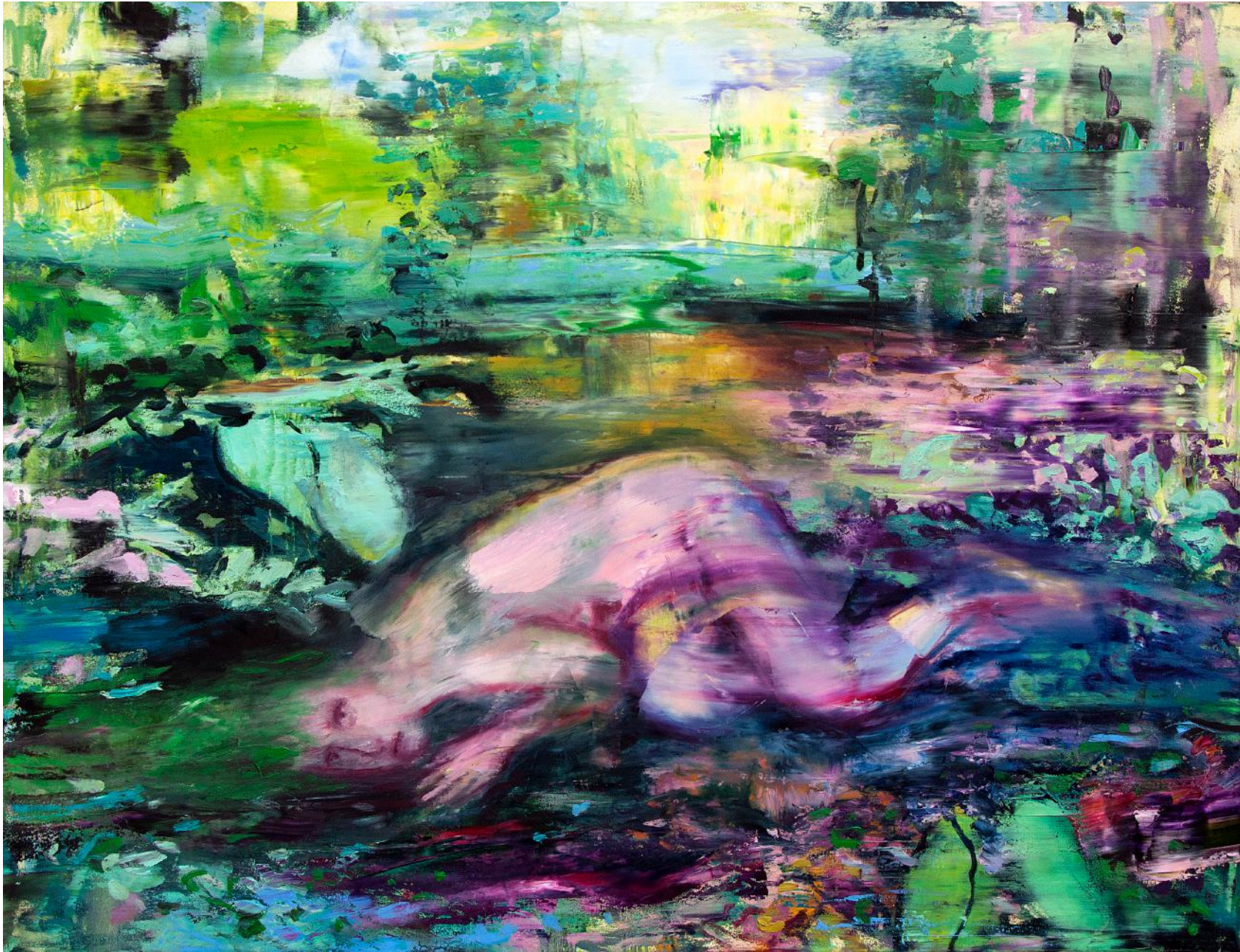
In Golden Haze, 2023
Watercolor on Paper
Art 12" x 15.5", Framed 17" x 21"



Tropical Paradise, 2023
Watercolor on Paper
Art 30" x 20", Framed 36" x 27"



Rainforest, 2023
Watercolor on Paper
Art 41" x 55", Framed 42" x 55"



Down the River, 2018
Oil on Canvas
54" x 70"



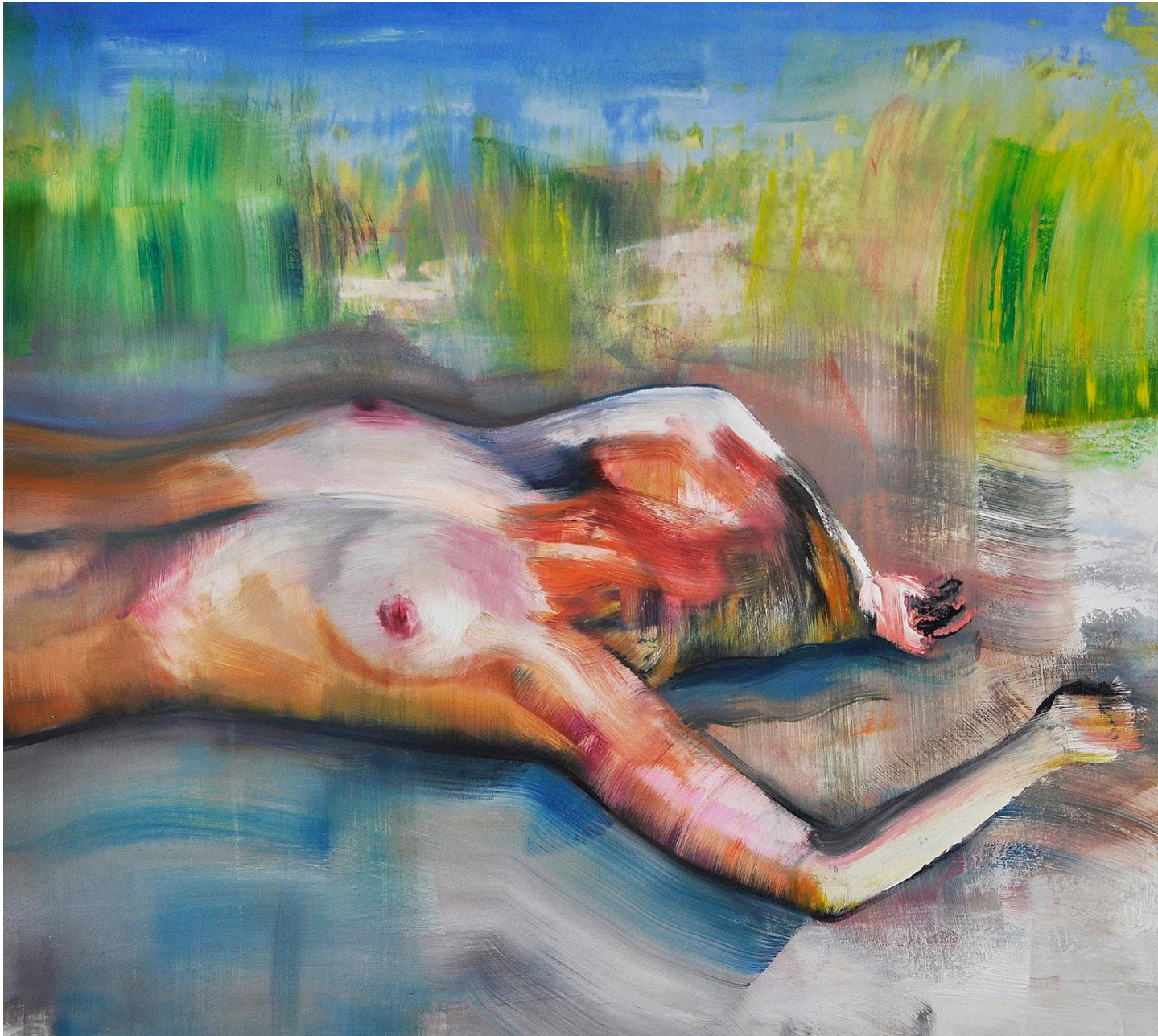
Fire, 2022
Oil on Canvas
76" x 26"



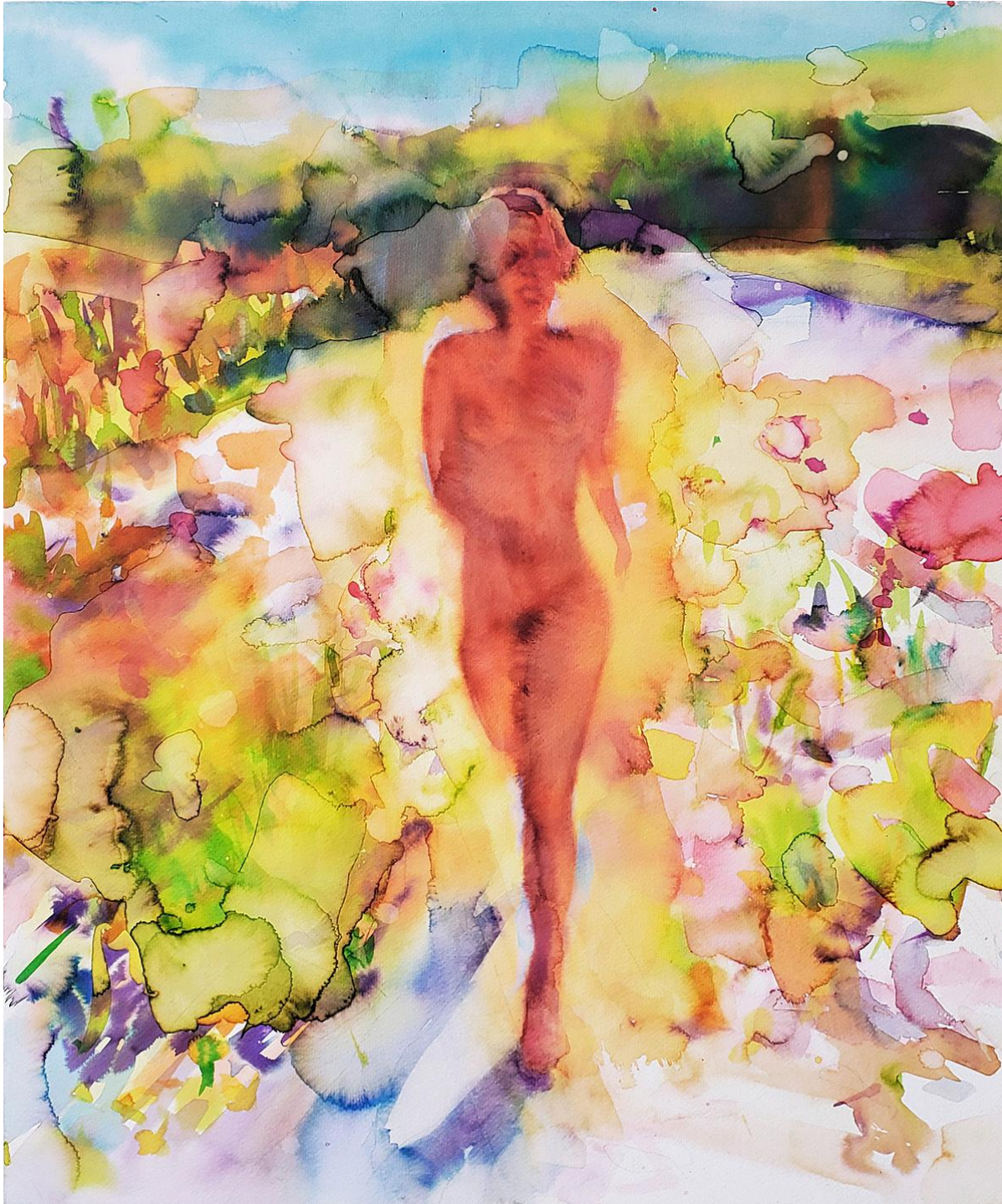
Beyond Words, 2021
Oil on Canvas
42" x 56"



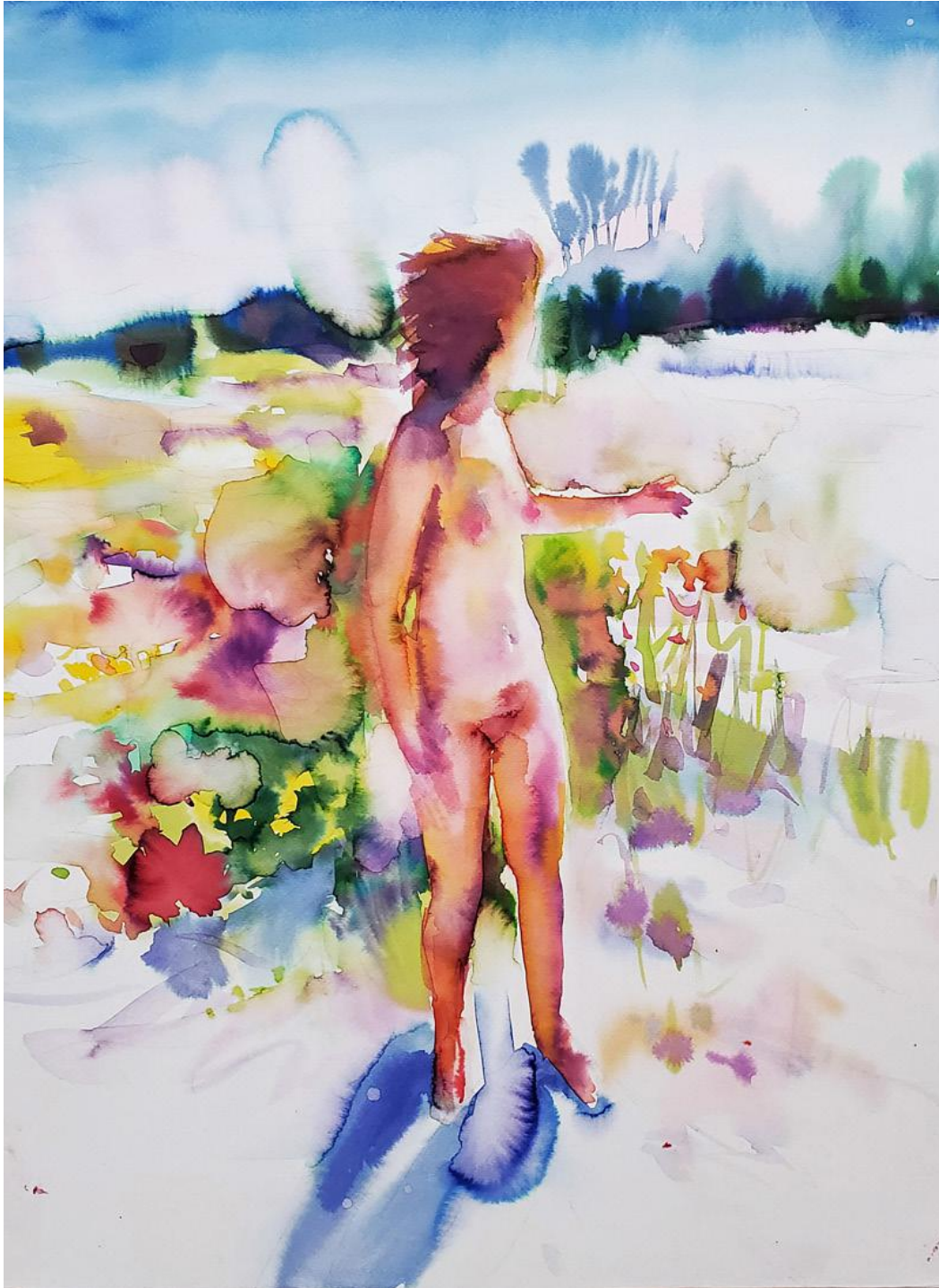
Night Moths at Low Tide, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
28" x 36"



In the Dunes, 2021
Oil on Canvas
34" x 38"



Flowers and Butterflies, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 24" x 20", Framed 29" x 25"



One Happy Summer, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 24" x 18", Framed 31" x 22"



Naked Happiness, 2022
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 9" x 12", Framed 12" x 15"



Eternal Ocean, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 27" x 29", Framed 29" x 38"



On The Beach Again, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 32" x 44", Framed 37" x 53"



Fire Island, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 20" x 24", Framed 25" x 29"



In Tropical Garden, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 32" x 22", Framed 36" x 27"



Paradise Island, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 25" x 32", Framed 29" x 37"



Night in Hotel, 2021
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 11" x 14", Framed 17" x 21"



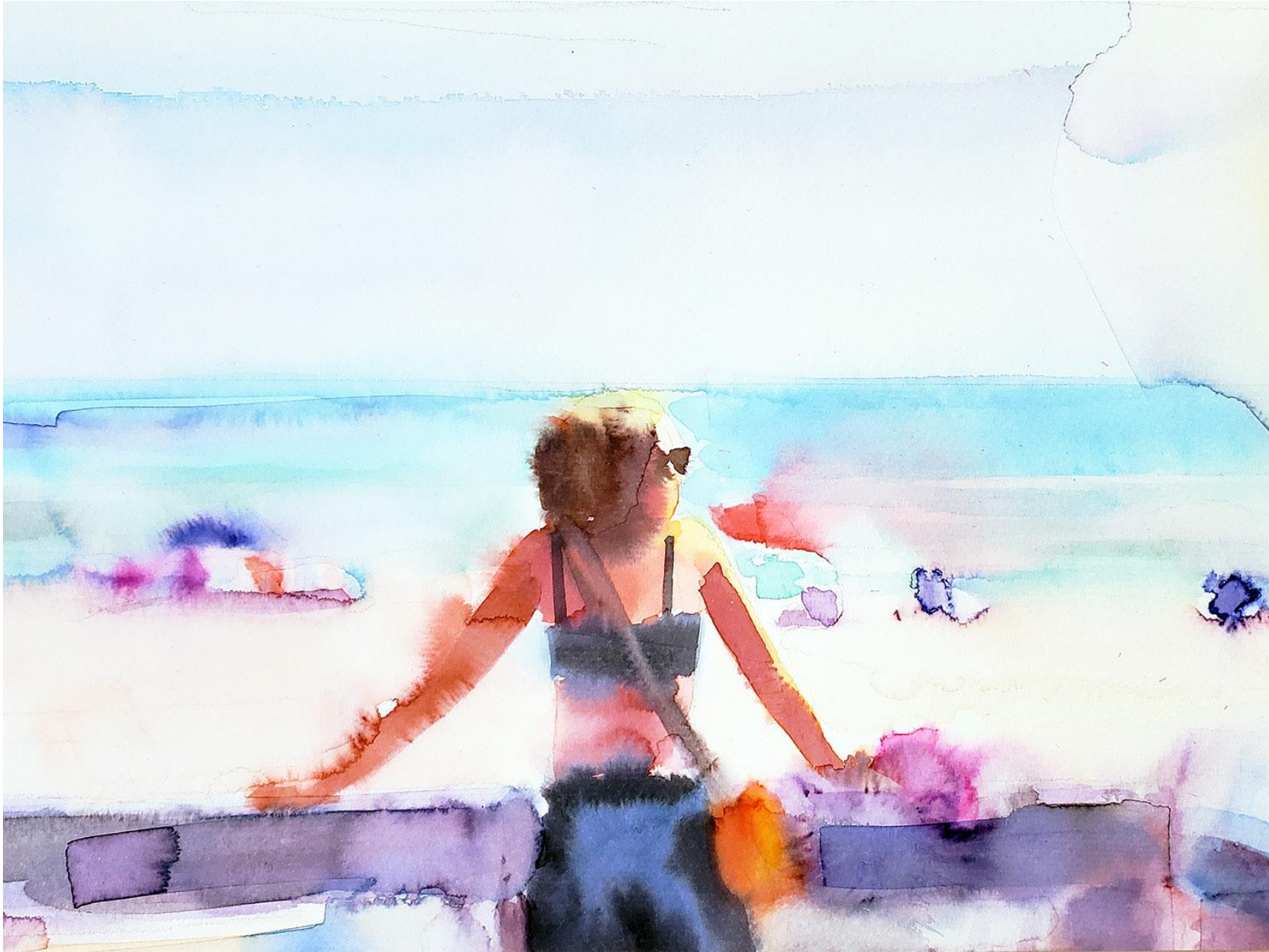
Placid Morning, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 32" x 48", Framed 37" x 53"



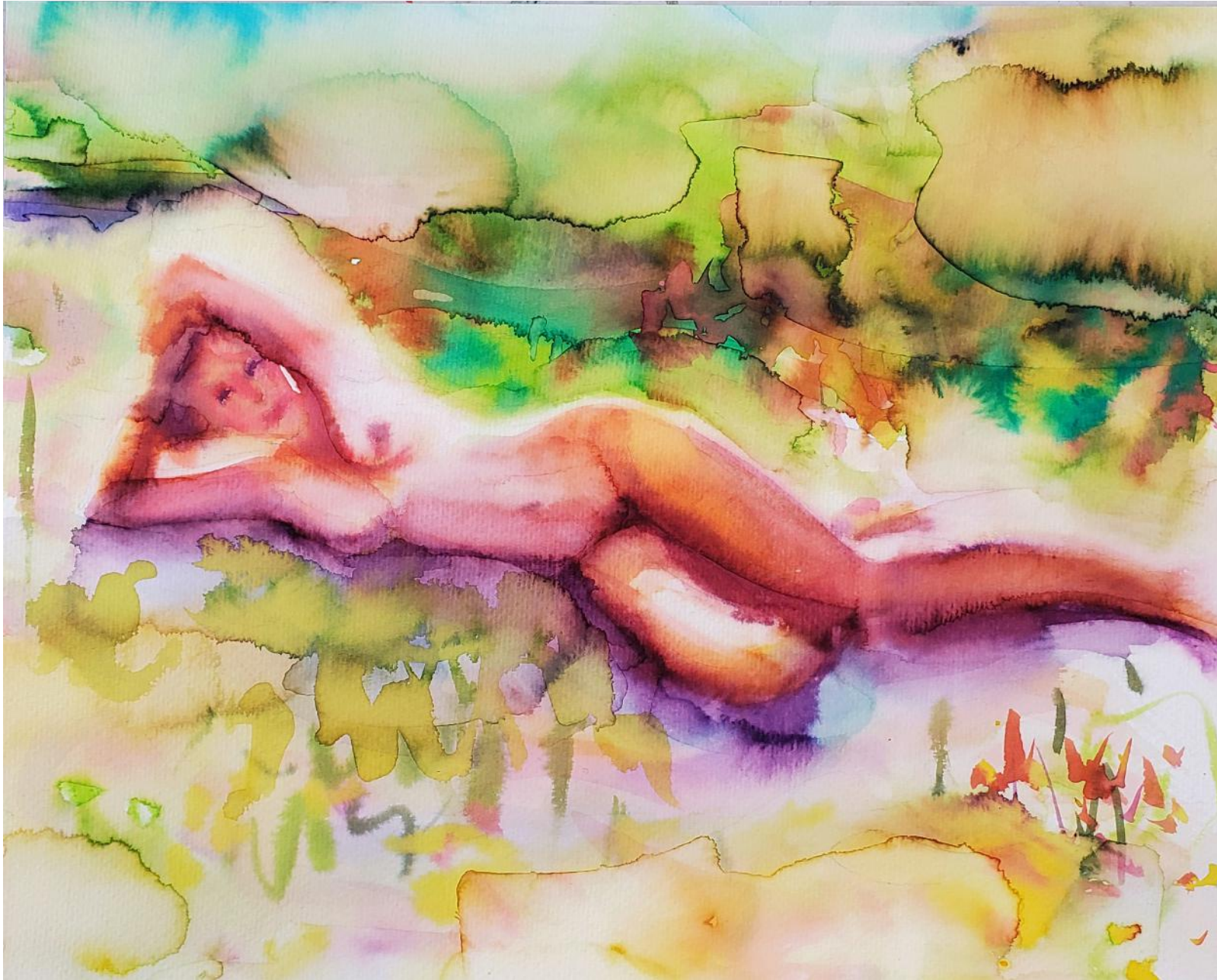
Rainy Day on the Beach, 2023
Watercolor on Paper
Art 24" x 30", Framed 29" x 35"



Walk in The Morning Mist, 2023
Watercolor on Paper
Art 12" x 14", Framed 17" x 21"



One Summer Day, 2023
Watercolor on Paper
Art 9" x 12", Framed 12" x 16"



Pretty Girl, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 18" x 24", Framed 22" x 28"



Happiness is a Butterfly, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 18" x 24", Framed 22" x 31"



In Love With Summer, 2021
Watercolor on Paper
Art 11" x 14", Framed 17" x 21"



Ocean Beach, 2023
Watercolor on Paper
Art 22" x 31.5", Framed 28" x 37"



Wild Rosehip, 2023
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 16" x 20", Framed 21" x 27"



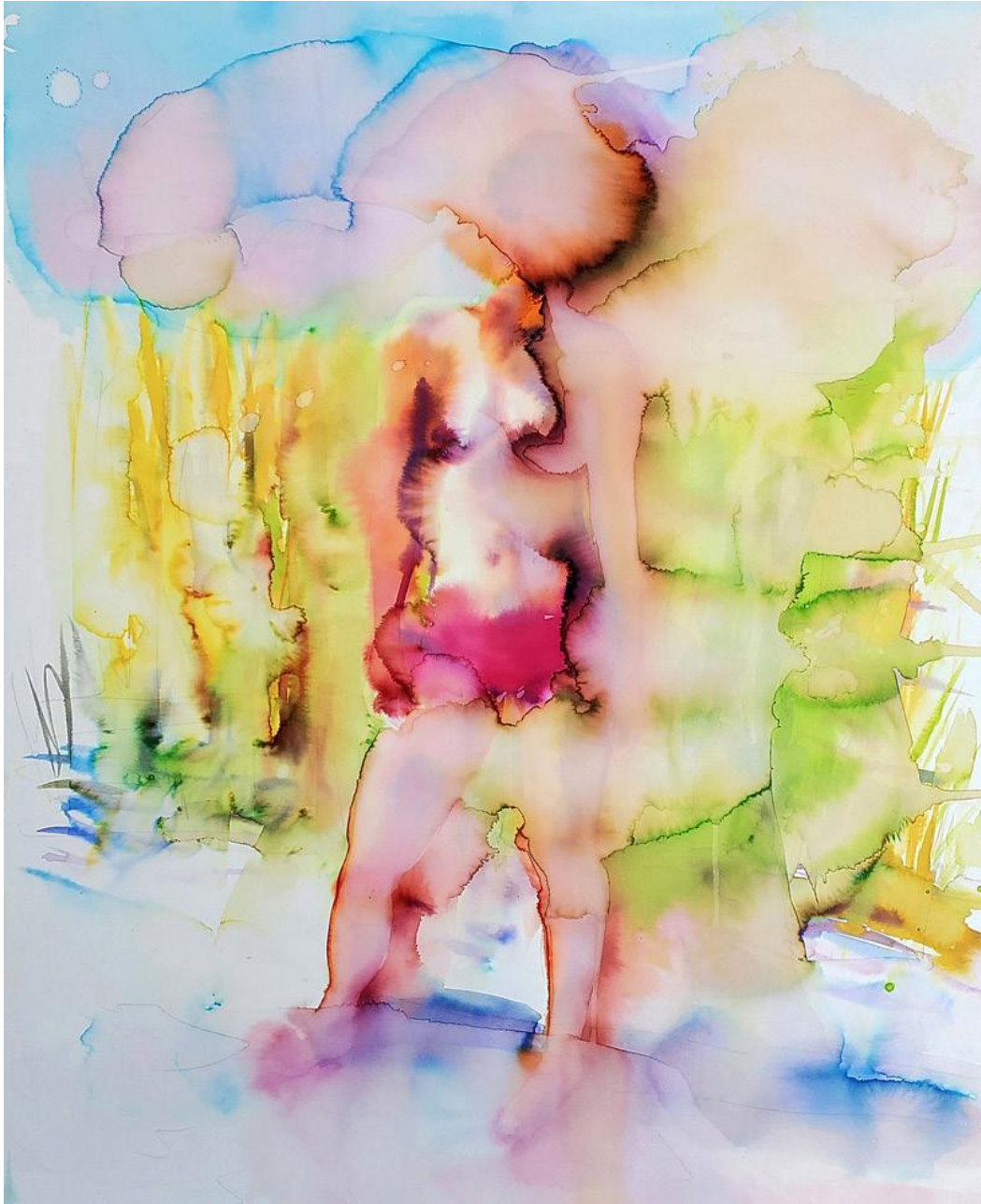
Dreamland, 2022
Watercolor on Paper
Art 12" x 14", Framed 17" x 21"



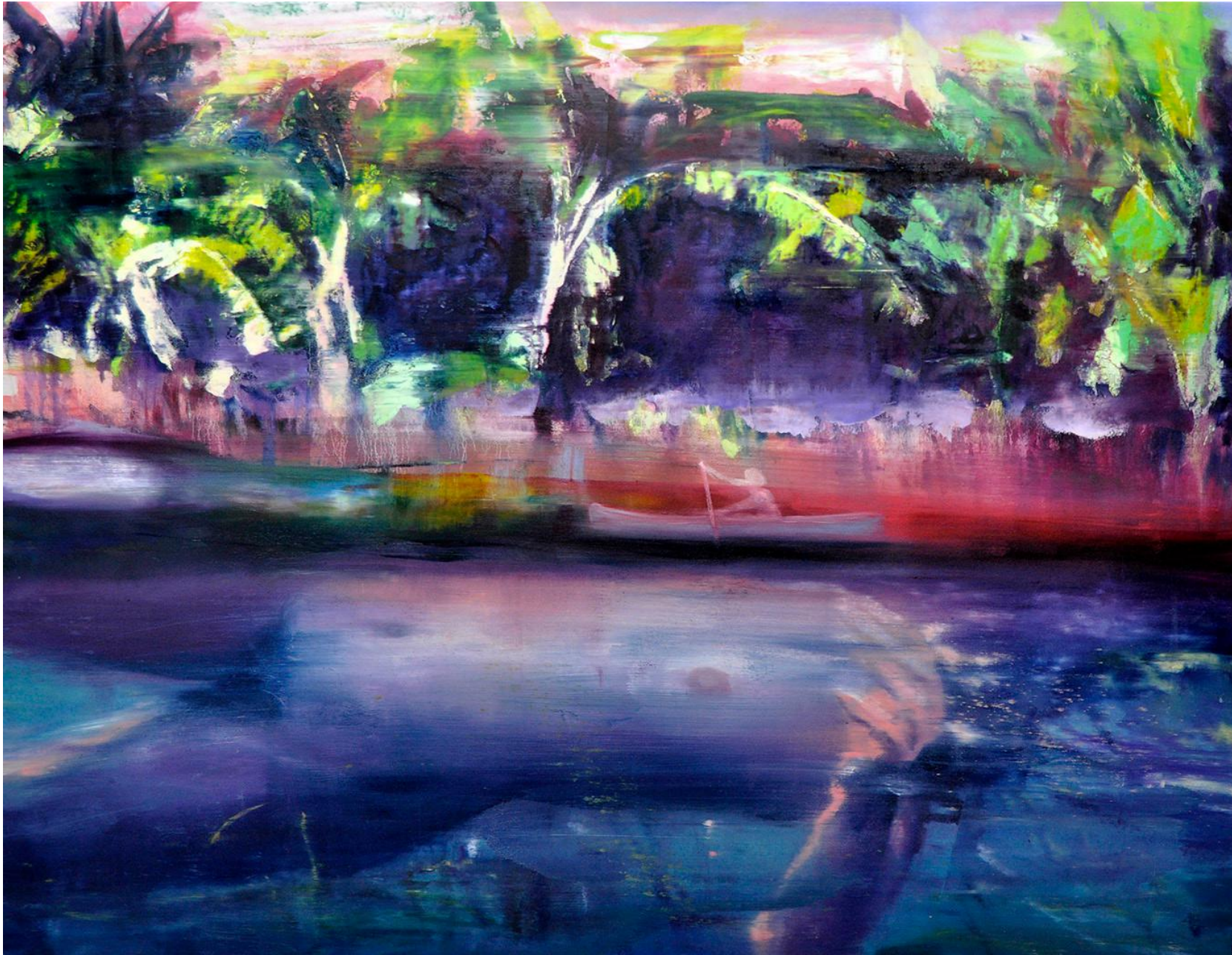
A Funny Day, 2021

Oil on Canvas

Artwork 11" x 14", Framed 17" x 21"



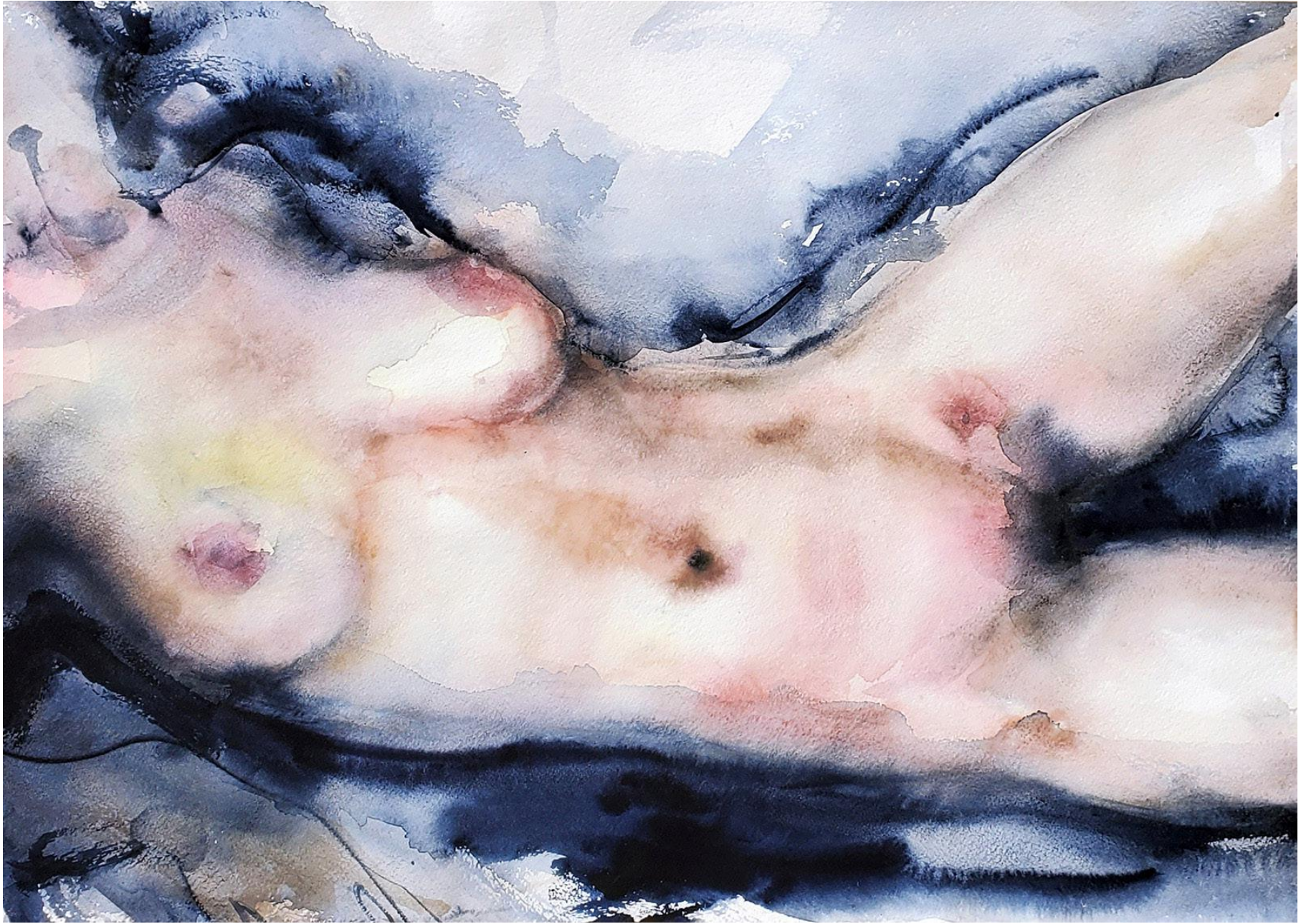
Summer Heaven, 2022
Watercolor on Paper
Art 26" x 32", Framed 29" x 37"



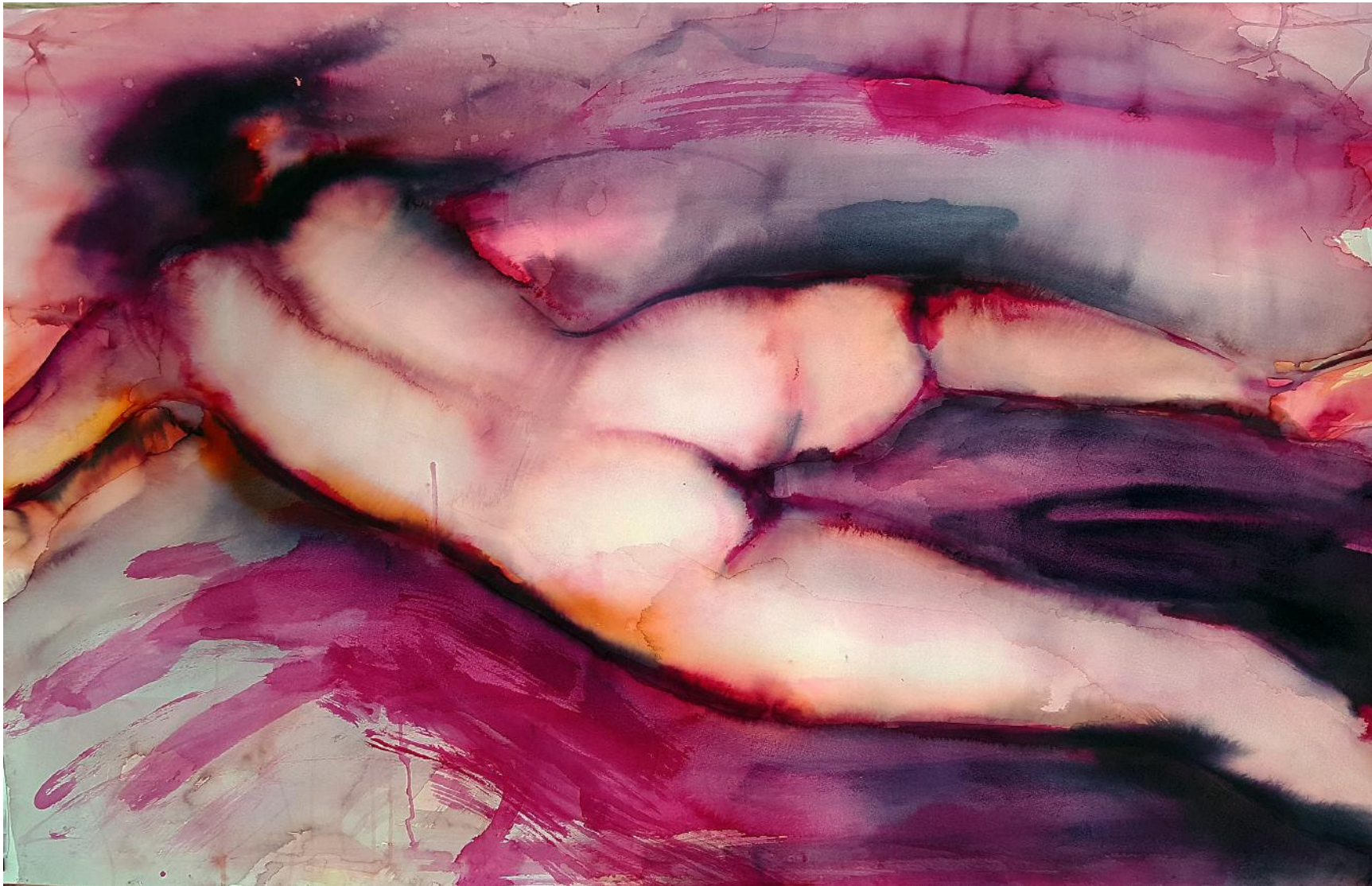
Like Water in Water, 2021
Oil on Canvas
40" x 52"



Night River, 2019
Oil on Canvas
26" x 36"



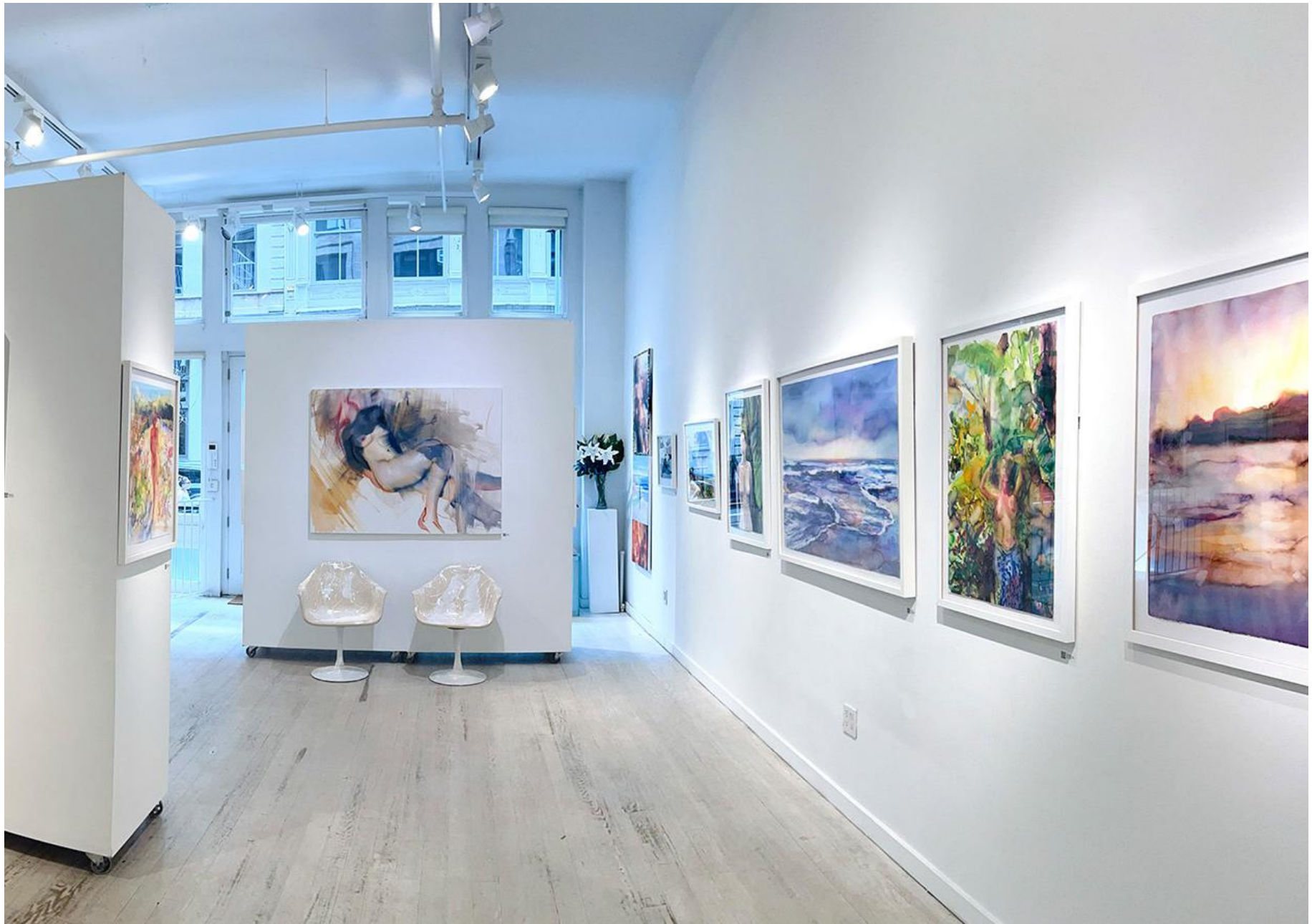
Temptation, 2019
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 18" x 24", Framed 22" x 28"



Dreams and Passions, 2020
Ink and Watercolor on Paper
Art 29" x 47", Framed 35" x 52"



Installation View
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