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got to where you are today. I was born in Los Angeles and adopted at two months old. When I was one year

old, I moved with my adopted parents to Bronxville in Westchester County, NY; they moved back to L.A. when I was 14. After earning my B.A. in Theater Arts at UCLA –I discovered my love for art and art history through a class at the end of

Susan, can you briefly walk us through your story – how you started and how you

my senior year. While still in college, I worked part-time designing men's custom dress shirts, and went on to start my own business designing bespoke shirts and suits for men, and ran it for fifteen years. After finding and meeting my biological mother – an artist –I finally decided to pursue my love of art and painting. I live in Los Angeles, balancing my studio practice with life with my husband, four children,

and family pets including a peacock. I met Trine Churchill several years ago

through a fundraiser for which she curates, and found her paintings enchanting. After visiting her studio and becoming friends as well as admirers of each other's work we started talking about doing a show together. So last summer we began to plan in earnest our Two Person Show together. We found an amazing gallery space in Culver City, Castelli Art Space, and decided to have our exhibition there in May 2018. We painted (and painted!), planned, put together press kits, Instagrammed away about our show for five months and finally hosted it in May together. I think the art world is in flux and believe that artists should support and work

together with other artists. Typically an artist submits to a gallery or curator putting together a show and there isn't much input or work one needs to do in order to be a part of that show. Yet we felt if we took the initiative and put our own show together we would have creative control as well as art a new standard for artists working in cooperation. Los Angeles artists are actually a pretty closeknit community and very supportive of each other's work, which is really wonderful. So here we are!

Great, so let's dig a little deeper into the story – has it been an easy path overall

and if not, what were the challenges you've had to overcome?

from the competition?

very proud moment too!

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Our biggest struggle came after we actually secured our gallery space because we had been planning on having nine months (give or take a little) to complete our new paintings. But when we found the wonderful space available at Castelli, we each only had four months to complete an entire series of paintings. So Trine painted incredibly fast and beautifully, while I had been working very slowly and was also very concerned about my oil paint drying in time. Some of the paint was very thick, having been applied with a palette knife!

Artist – what should we know? What do you guys do best? What sets you apart

As artists and painters, Trine and I both use a similar color palette and I feel we

are known for our use of color. Or at least I hope that's one of the things that set

us a little bit apart!We both are painting about emotional resonance and we are

very proud of that as well. When I paint a new series there is a lot of thought about it beforehand, a lot of introspection and curiosity about the ways to express my thoughts in paint. So hopefully that comes through in the work because both Trine and I want to get a

complex set of thoughts and emotions across with each grouping of paintings.

I think that would have to be getting a phone call from a critic about my new

work with Trine while I was on my way back from seeing a friend's opening up in

Lancaster, California. We had really wanted input from this critic and she finally

What moment in your career do you look back most fondly on?

made it, to see our show only two hours before it was closing for good at Castelli. She had not been familiar with my work at all so I was nervous about her opinion. So anyway, I get this call and she tells me how fantastic it was and how she finally understood the work, seeing it all together in context. This went on and I

couldn't believe what wonderful things I was hearing! So that was definitely a

proud moment. Showing our new work on opening night to everyone was also a

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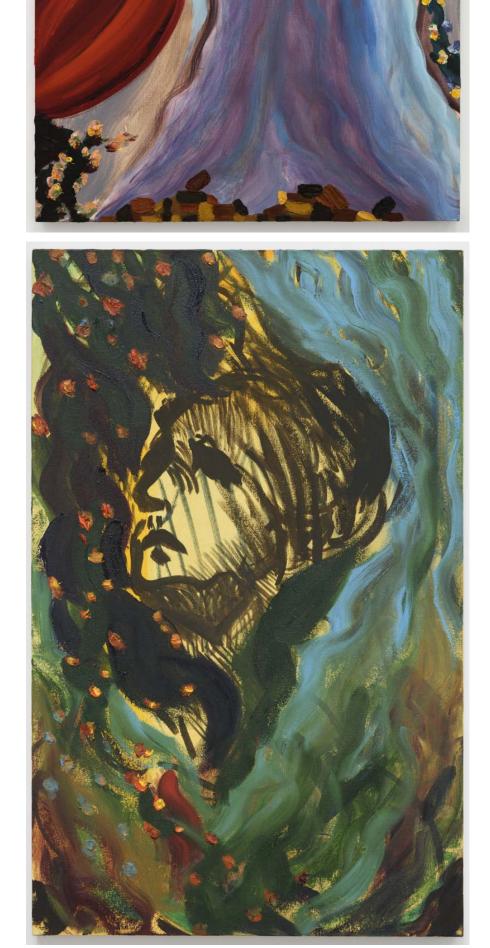
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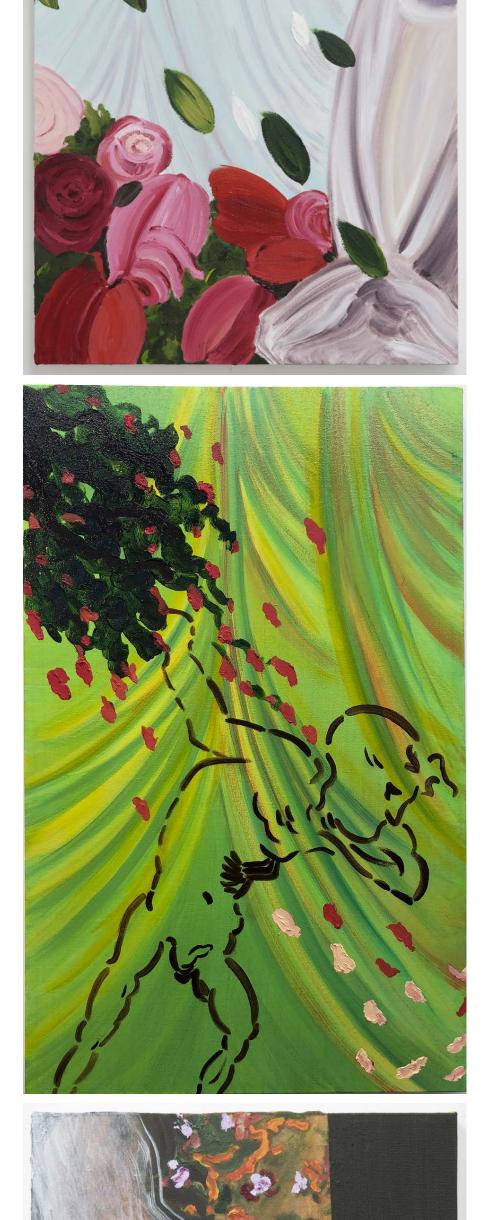
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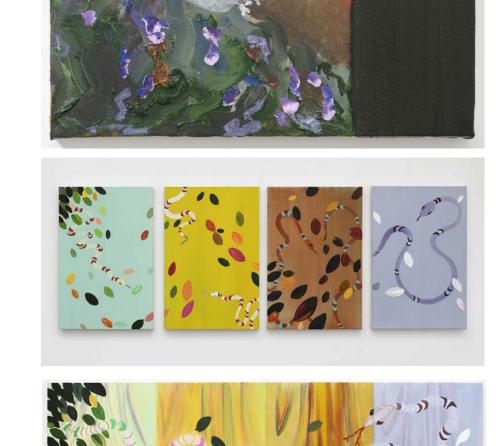




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