

La Fête
2018

Title : La Fête
Type : Abstract Expressionism
Technique : Acrylic on Canvas
Year : 2018
Collection : Series 1

La Fête. Celebration. It's the act of marking an important event in your life. This can range from little events like feeling an unexpected emotion or being able to express yourself freely, to something much bigger. By the hands of Sylvia Ong with a genuine earnestness, *La Fête* serves as a reminder that there is much to be celebrated in the everyday.

Her work often begins as a single strand of thought, sparked from a conversation, a dream or a new experience. Then it transforms itself into a flowy piece, at every moment responding to life's beautiful surprises. Rules are broken. Paths are changed halfway.

As a result, *La Fête* is not about reaching perfection. It's about being true to oneself and celebrating what's imperfect. The abstract and the creation of figures come together through a variety of bodily techniques that aren't as refined or practiced. In this way, the pieces in this collection don't seem carefully put-together as much as having just gravitated towards each other. It's a natural occurrence from an artist who lets go of control and goes with the flow.



La Fête
165cm x 165cm
SOLD

We always aim for the big celebrations.
Forgetting that it is the little ones that get us there.

Idea:

When we were young, we celebrated everything, but as we get older, we tend to forget how to enjoy the little things. I wanted to remind people that there is beauty in the everyday. I see the “little celebrations” that make up this piece – every stroke, every drip.



Come with Me

165cm x 165cm

When a mighty wind blows against you,
how will you know where it's going to take you,
if you do not let it sweep you away?

Idea:

For this piece, I wanted to talk about going with the flow. When an energy force pushes against you, the natural reaction would be to stand your ground or push back. But what if we were to let things happen naturally, and go along with it? What amazing thing could we discover?



The Lady and her Friends

165cm x 165cm

The Lady has her stories to tell. She gets them from her dreams,
whispered to her in the dark of night.

Idea:

Two things I was reminded of when I thought about this piece. A dream
of friends that I miss much and a meet-ups with my girlfriends. I thought
bringing those elements together was interesting.



The Lunch on the Grass

165cm x 165cm

Strange how the scent of freshly-cut grass and the light buzzing of a conversation can spark a fire deep within you.

Idea:

For this piece, I wanted to portray how inspiration comes from the most unexpected of places, like from a simple conversation with my girlfriends or a day out in the park.



Real Talk
165cm x 165cm

Only over time do we learn that the more perfect we try to make something, the less perfect it seems.

Idea:

Something else that inspired me when I look at this piece how the brush strokes and intense mark-making isn't completely refined and practiced. It's always more 'free' and 'loose'. That's what sparked the idea for this piece.



Emotional Rhythm

100cm x 100cm

SOLD

One moment, you are a splash of red. Another moment, blue takes over.
Let the colours overwhelm you. Let them soothe you.

Idea:

As human beings, we experience a lot of emotions (represented here through colours) that keep changing. One moment, we're angry, the next moment we can be calm (and vice versa). Instead of trying to fight our emotions all the time, why not allow ourselves to truly embrace our emotions?



A Date with Nature

100cm x 100cm

SOLD

Yin asks Yang why they are always together,
Yang asks Yin how the same thing can ever be apart.



A Date with Nature

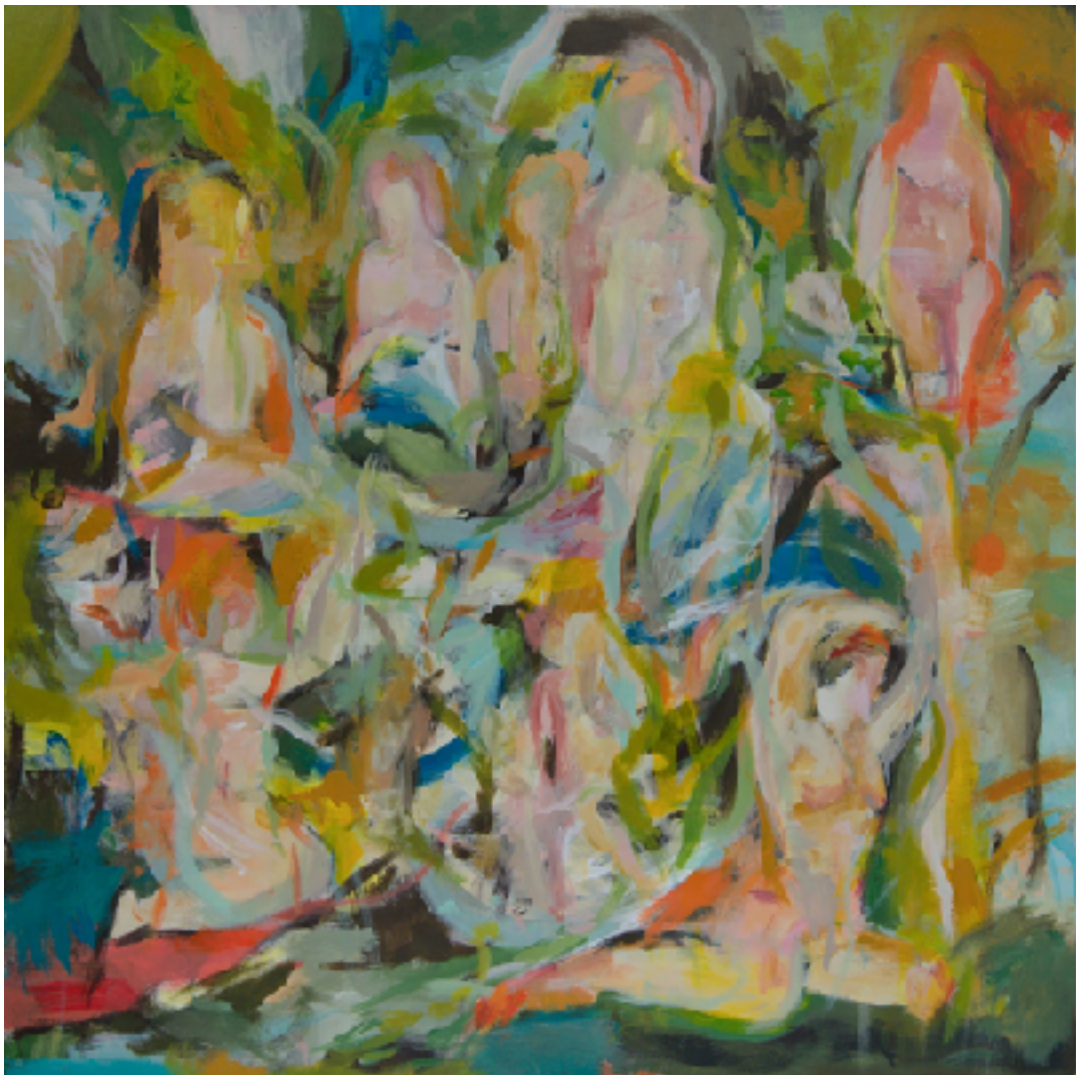
80cm x 80cm

SOLD

When was the last time your heart was at ease, with the glow of an evening sharing its blessings with you?

Idea:

I wanted this piece to capture a wonderful moment at the park – one of those everyday moments that can be a simple celebration.



Bloom
86cm x 86cm
Available

One touch of the brush unleashes the words that refuse to come.



Summer Scene

80cm x 80cm

Available

Nothing happened today, except that the sun breathed out rays of hope. It was a lovely day.

Idea:

When I see this piece every time, it made me think of the sun. I wanted to share the message that even the simple days should be appreciated and loved. Even a simple summer day when nothing happens should be celebrated.



Swim in the Stream of Flow

85cm x 85cm

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Perhaps fate is simply a stream that welcomes you with open arms, as you float gently along.

Idea:

For this piece, I compare the idea of fate to a stream or a river. When people say “leave it to fate”, it means that they’re going with the flow, like they’re going along with what’s natural instead of resisting it.

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Thank you