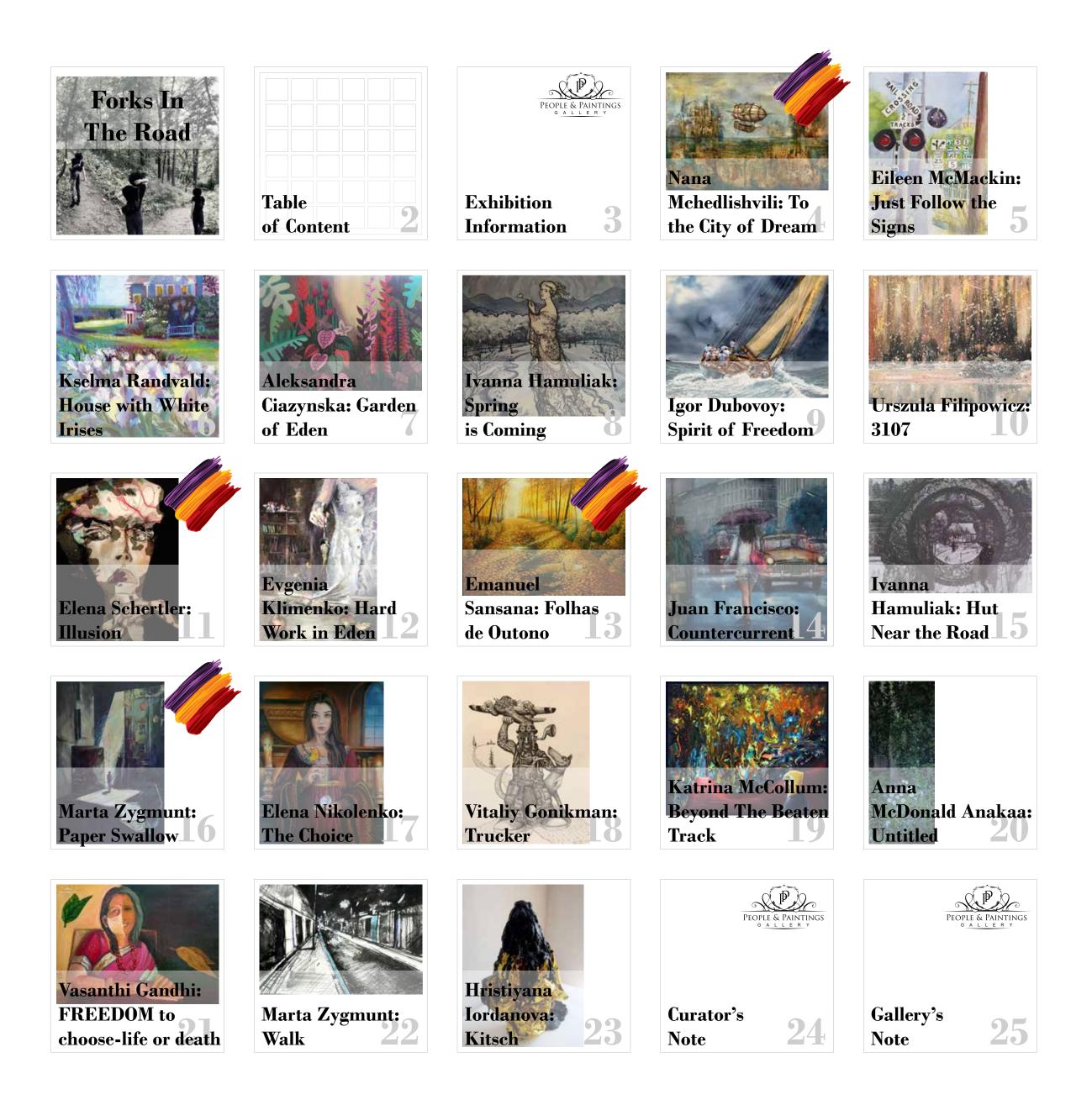
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#### **Forks In The Road**

Fork in the road is a point where a choice, one of many possibilities has to be taken.

Every artwork is the result of countless choices: compositional, textural, theoretical, material, etc. The presence of each mark, color, and line tells the story of these choices. Each artist holds the power of creation in their hands as they decide not only what will be brought into the light but also what will remain absent.

This exhibition aims to highlight the intentional act of creation and the power of choice that each artist holds in their hands.

Curator: Mila Pinigin

#### Country: United States

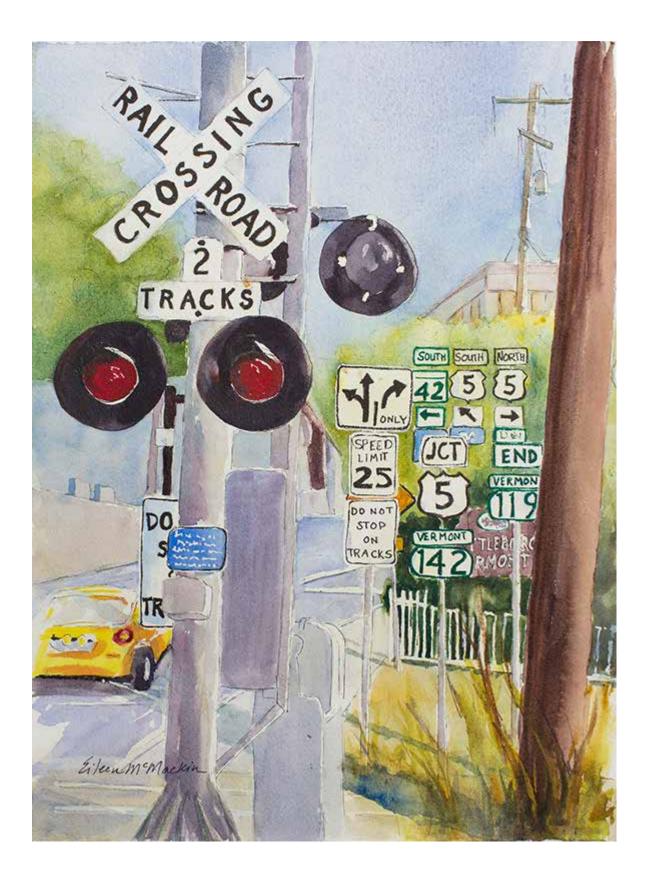
Bio: In the last five years Mila Pinigin has served as the Director of the Aidron Duckworth Art Museum in Meriden, NH and the Exhibitions Manager at AVA Gallery and Art Center in Lebanon, NH. She has recently received her MA in Art History from SACI in Florence, Italy. In 2019 she had the honor of jurying the Art, Craft, and Design Exhibition at the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen in Sunapee, NH.



# Nana Mchedlishvili: To the City of Dream

Art No: PP0295 Artwork Dimensions: 90 cm (36 inches) × 60 cm (24 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Oil Surface: Canvas Forks In The Road





#### **Eileen McMackin: Just Follow the Signs**

Art No: PP0279 Artwork Dimensions: 27.94 cm (11 inches) × 38.1 cm (15 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Watercolor Surface: Watercolor Paper



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#### Kselma Randvald: House with White Irises

Art No: PP0341 Artwork Dimensions: 50 cm (20 inches) × 50 cm (20 inches) Year Created: 2019 Medium: Oil Surface: Canvas

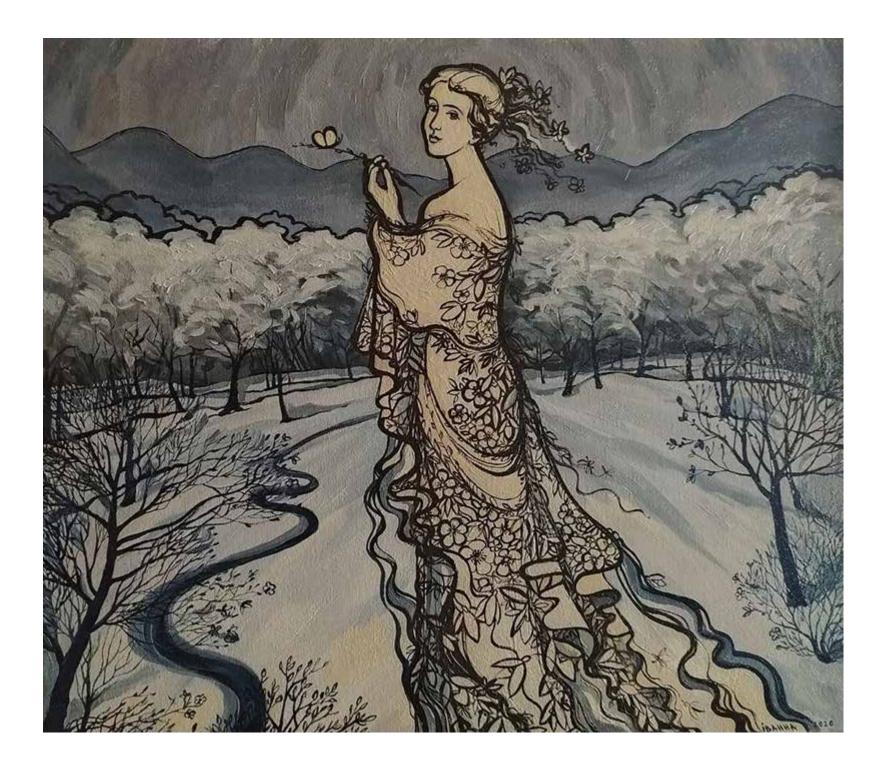






# Aleksandra Ciazynska: Garden of Eden

Art No: PPO312 Artwork Dimensions: 140 cm (56 inches) × 100 cm (40 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Oil Surface: Canvas



# **Ivanna Hamuliak: Spring is Coming**

Art No: PPO330 Artwork Dimensions: 70 cm (28 inches) × 80 cm (32 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Ink Surface: Paper



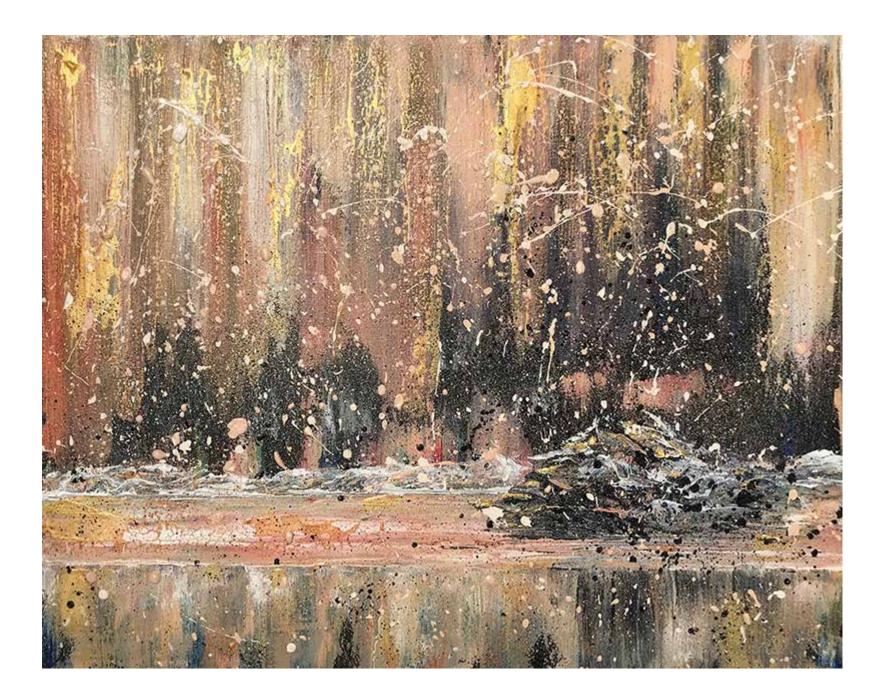
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# **Igor Dubovoy: Spirit of Freedom**

Art No: PP0308 Artwork Dimensions: 76 cm (30.4 inches) × 56 cm (22.4 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Watercolor Surface: Watercolor Paper Forks In The Road

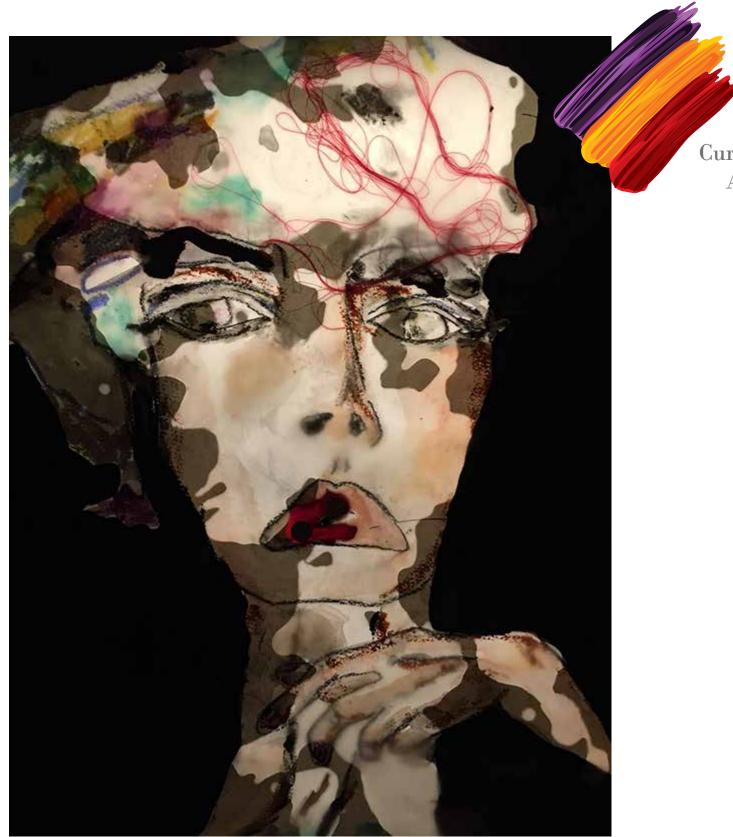




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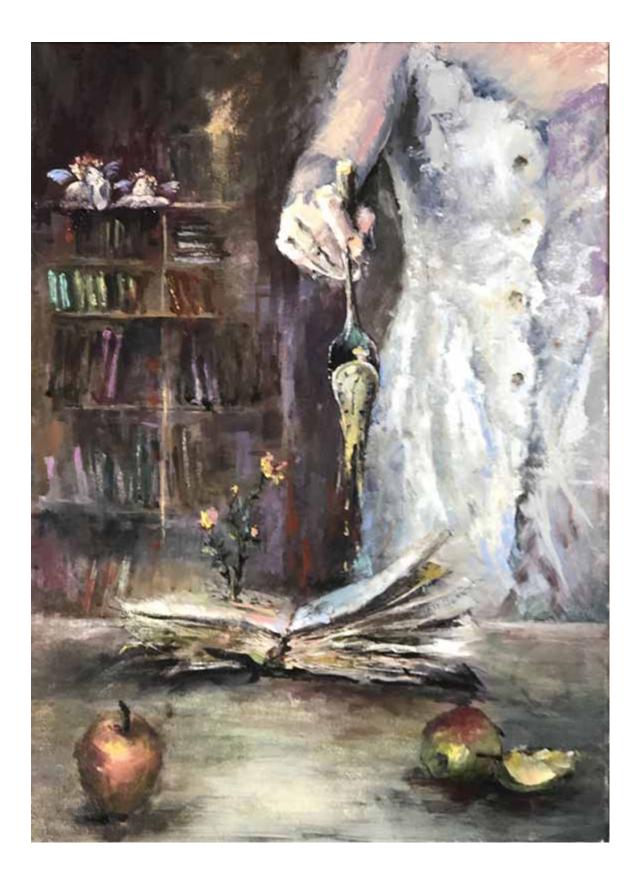




Curator's Award

# **Elena Schertler: Illusion**

Art No: PP0275 Artwork Dimensions: 50 cm (20 inches) × 60 cm (24 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Watercolor Surface: Watercolor Paper



# Evgenia Klimenko: Hard Work in Eden

Art No: PP0022EK0658 Artwork Dimensions: 55 cm (22 inches) × 40 cm (16 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Oil Surface: Canvas



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#### **Emanuel Sansana: Folhas de Outono**

Art No: PP0309 Artwork Dimensions: 80 cm (32 inches) × 60 cm (24 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Acrylic Surface: Canvas



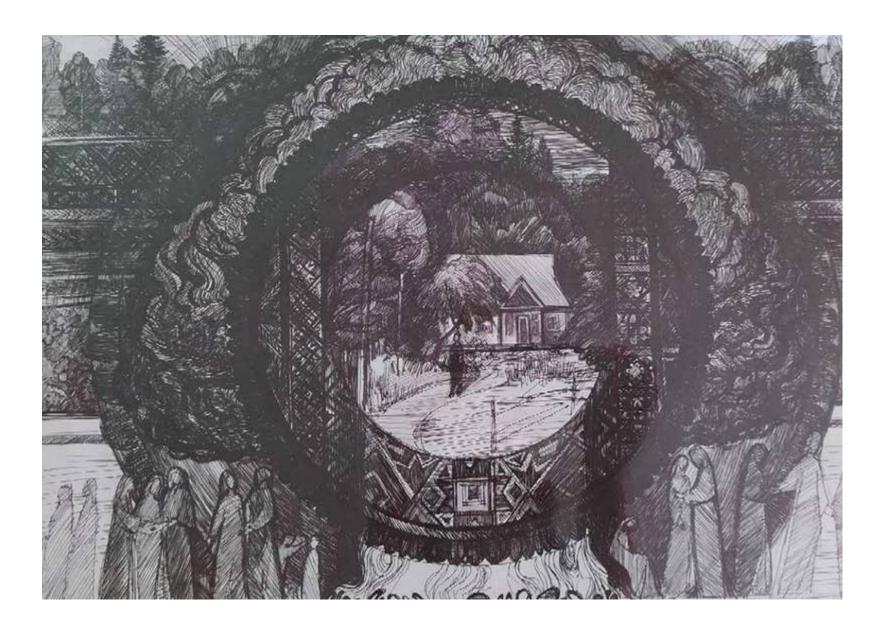




#### Juan Francisco: Countercurrent

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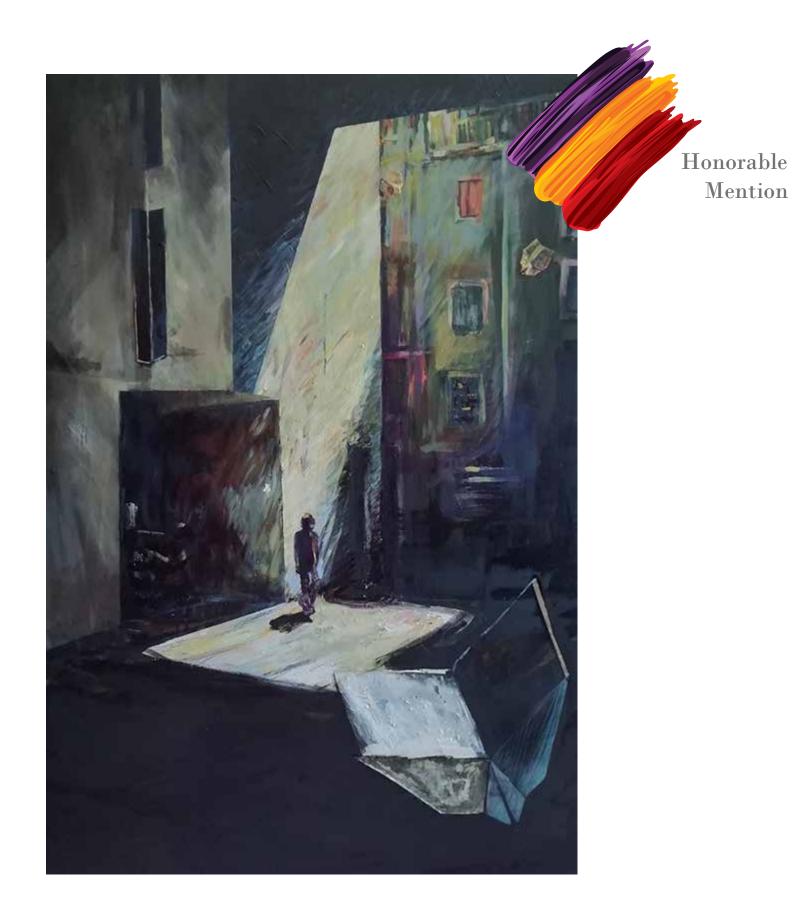




### **Ivanna Hamuliak: Hut Near the Road**

Art No: PPO331 Artwork Dimensions: 40 cm (16 inches) × 28 cm (11.2 inches) Year Created: 2019 Medium: Ink Surface: Paper





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# Marta Zygmunt: Paper Swallow

Art No: PP0345 Artwork Dimensions: 60 cm (24 inches) × 90 cm (36 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Acrylic Surface: Canvas





#### **Elena Nikolenko: The Choice**

Art No: PP0323 Artwork Dimensions: 80 cm (32 inches) × 100 cm (40 inches) Year Created: 2019 Medium: Oil Surface: Canvas



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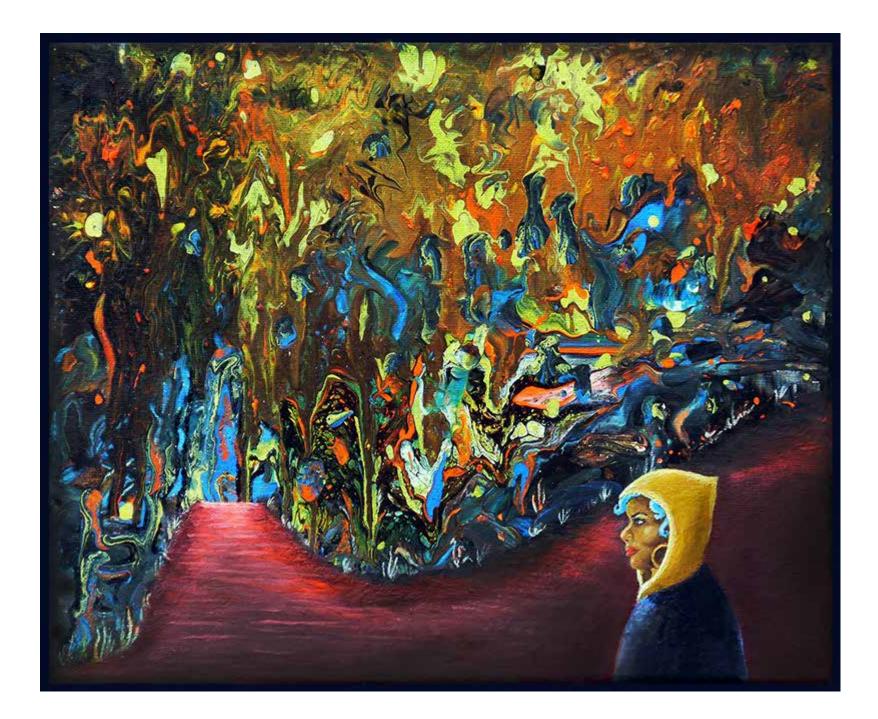


# Vitaliy Gonikman: Trucker

Art No: PPO342 Artwork Dimensions: 27.94 cm (11 inches) × 35.56 cm (14 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Ink Surface: Paper



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# **Katrina McCollum: Beyond The Beaten Track**

Art No: PP0344 Artwork Dimensions: 31 cm (12.4 inches) × 26 cm (10.4 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Acrylic Surface: Canvas



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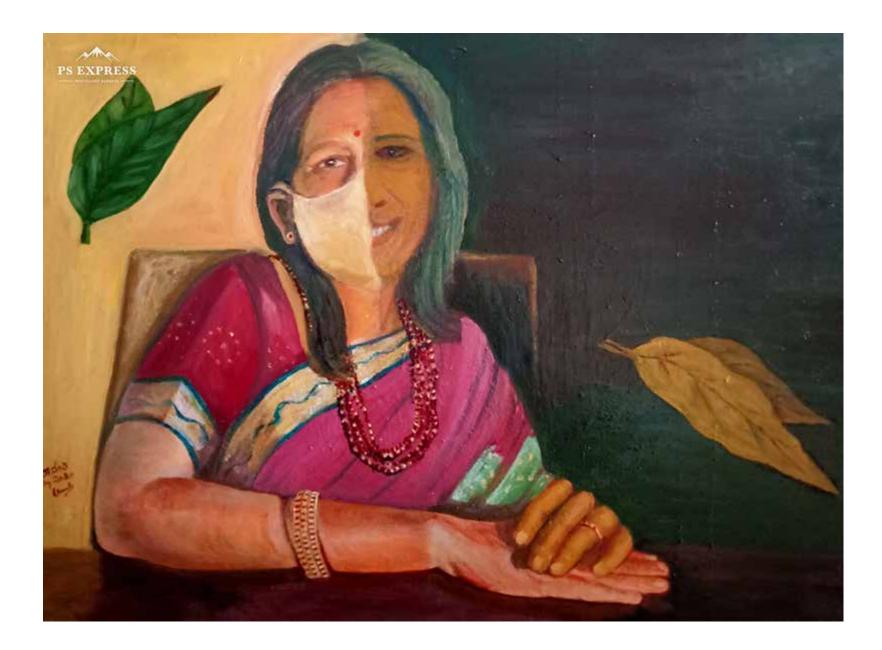
#### **Anna McDonald Anakaa: Untitled**

Art No: PP0343 Artwork Dimensions: 50 cm (20 inches) × 123 cm (49.2 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Acrylic Surface: Cardborard



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#### Vasanthi Gandhi: FREEDOM to choose-life or death

Art No: PP0302 Artwork Dimensions: 60.96 cm (24 inches) × 45.72 cm (18 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Oil Surface: Canvas







### Marta Zygmunt: Walk

Art No: PP0346 Artwork Dimensions: 40 cm (16 inches) × 30 cm (12 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Ink, Watercolor Surface: Watercolor Paper







# Hristiyana Iordanova: Kitsch

Art No: PP0310 Artwork Dimensions: 24 cm (9.6 inches) × 35 cm (14 inches) Year Created: 2020 Medium: Glass Surface: Neylon balloon



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#### **Curator's Note**

#### Dear Artists,

I am truly humbled and grateful for this opportunity to view your work and to collaborate with People & Paintings Gallery, which I have long admired. The concept of this exhibition came to me as I reflected on the past year and is, therefore, personal to me. During the past 12 months I have found myself moving 7 times to a new home. Each of these moments was my own fork in the road and a moment of difficult decision making. I share this insight with you because I wish to stress that this, like all juried exhibitions, has a unique personal element. In fact, this is what sets juried exhibitions apart from the rest - this peculiar element that cannot be anticipated.

As I viewed the many excellent submissions to this exhibition I was struck by not only the quality of the work but also the journey that each artist took me on. Through this process, I was particularly moved by the statements that many of you provided which gave me a deeper understanding of your work and conceptualization. Sharing your artwork, especially for review, is a bold and brave task and I wish to thank you all for taking this leap.

The number of excellent works in this exhibition is overwhelming and to select one winner when there is a great range in medium has proven difficult. Nevertheless, I am very pleased to announce the winner of the curator's award for Forks in the Road: Elena Schertler's Illusion. The haunting gaze in this portrait is deeply contemplative, evocative, and mysterious. The use of watercolor, wax, and fiber provide a rich and dynamic quality to the composition. This work embodied the pensive state we experience when we reach a fork in the road.

Although I can only name one winner, I wish to extend an Honorable Mention to Marta Zygmunt's Paper Swallow. This work takes me on a different journey each time I view it and I would be remiss not to acknowledge its profound impact.

I sincerely hope to have the chance to view more work from all of you and encourage you to keep creating and reflecting on your process. Stay the course, continue to hold your studio practice, make space for your creative growth, and continue to share your work with the world.













#### **Gallery's Note**

Congratulations to all artists selected for this exhibition! We thank all artists that submitted their work for this show. The competition was very strong this time among many talented artists from 15 countries around the world: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Georgia, India, Ireland, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Spain, United Kingdom, Ukraine, and USA. We encourage all artists that were not selected this time to continue to create and share their work and to apply for future shows.

During the exhibition, 6,815 unique users from 74 countries visited the exhibition page on our website and many more stopped by Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Reddit, and Youtube pages where the artworks were shown.

We wish to extend our gratitude to the exhibition curator, Mila Pinigin, for working with us on this exhibition. She spent a lot of time carefully reviewing every picture, every description, and compiling such a great show. While she has curated many exhibitions in museum and gallery settings, this is the first exhibition she has juried completely online and we appreciate her taking on this endeavor with us from her home in Rhode Island.

Congratulations to award winners:

Curator's Award - <u>"Illusion"</u> by Elena Schertler from Austria

Grand Prix - "To the City of Dream" by Nana Mchedlishvili from Georgia

Popular Vote Award - "Folhas de Outono" by Emanuel Sansana from Brazil

A bonus from our curator - Honorable Mention was granted to Marta Zygmunt (Poland) for her painting <u>"Paper Swallow"</u>.

All of us at the gallery are sad that the exhibition is over, but it will remain on our site so more people can see the works in the future.

Hope to see you on our gallery page and hear from you soon.

