

An abstract painting featuring bold, organic shapes in vibrant colors: yellow, red, blue, green, and black. The composition is dynamic and layered, with thick black outlines defining the various forms. The background is a mix of these colors, creating a rich, textured effect.

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In the new paintings featured in *Beginner's Mind*, Diane Novetsky explores saturated color, crisply defined contours, and organic shapes that bend, twist, and leap in space. Novetsky's recent painting series, *Orbs and Arcs*, arose from a desire to use geometry in its simplest possible form. Biomorphic shapes were paired down, and curvilinear forms emerged as the basic element of her pictures. Within her art, circles function as celestial bodies, dark holes, mechanical fragments, and invented constellations.

Novetsky's somatic vocabulary of biomorphic forms is evocative of the female body. Serpentine shapes suggest the female form and an organic sensuality. The shapes become increasingly visceral as internal organs and joints such as the heart and pelvis are referenced.

Color is the essence of Novetsky's work, and she displays a taste for sensuous, optically rich, matte and gloss surfaces influenced by Matisse cut-outs, as well as the vibrating hues of sixties art and design. Using soft, wide brushes that encourage a lush surface, her work is animated by surprise: the jostling of forms in space, unpredictable color, and a sense of whimsy and joy. *Beginner's Mind* asks the viewer to drop preconceptions of what painting has been and explore the possibilities inherent in a sense of play.

Spirited Away, 2023
Acrylic on canvas
48 x 36 inches



Momento, 2022
Acrylic on canvas
40 x 40 inches



Twist of Fate, 2022
Acrylic on canvas
24 x 24 inches



Beginner's Mind, 2023
Acrylic on canvas
48 x 36 inches



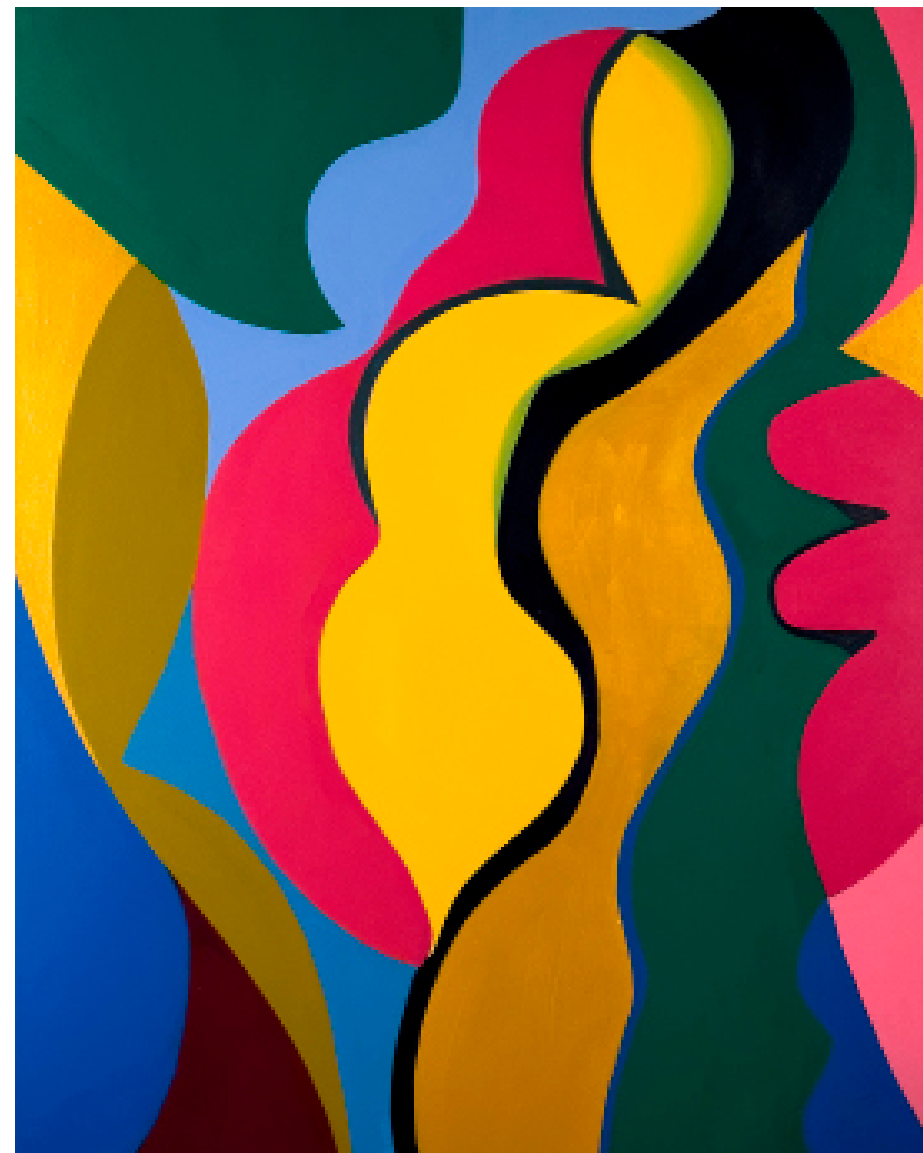
Queen's Gambit, 2021
Acrylic on canvas
24 x 24 inches



Pipe Dreamers, 2022
Acrylic on canvas
60 x 54 inches



Sun Goddess, 2022
Acrylic on canvas
54 x 44 inches



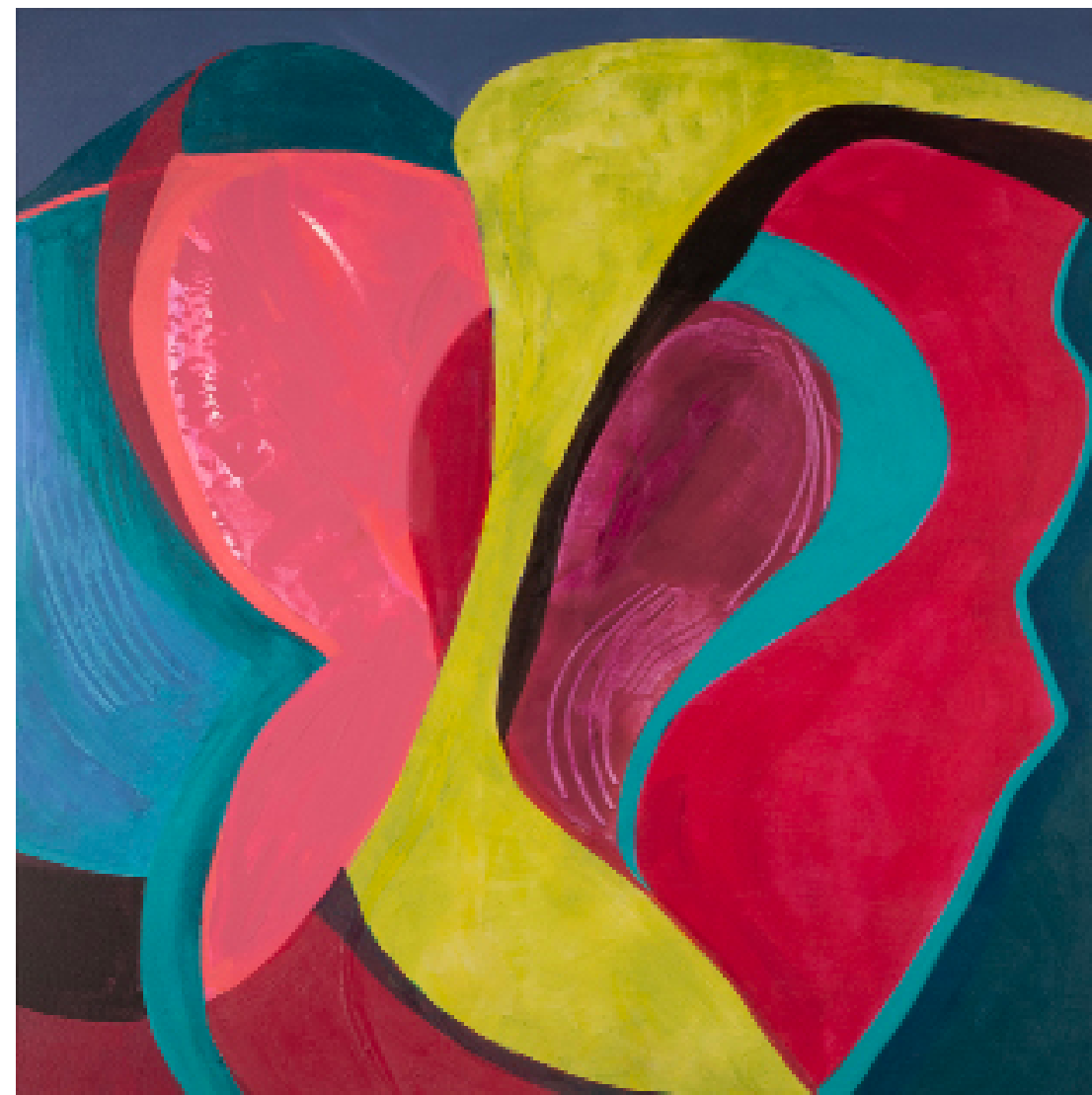
Nude Decending, 2023
Acrylic on canvas
36 x 36 inches



When Doves Cry, 2020
Acrylic on canvas
20 x 24 inches



Rose of Sharon, 2023
Acrylic on canvas
36 x 36 inches



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Diane Novetsky resides in Somerville, MA and is a founding member of the Brickbottom Artists Community, one of the largest artist live and work spaces in the US, as well as a longtime member of the artists' studio building, Vernon Street Artists.

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