



Trepidation

an exhibition by Gracie Edwards

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You can feel it but you're unsure

There's something shifting through the layers and pulling you off balance.

Swaddled in a thin sheet of silk, bound so tightly around your body that you cannot move ...

Maybe I'll stay here for a bit.

_____ *Trepidation* draws on the relationships between contemporary emotive, intuitive and reactionary responses to art and to life. Each painting has been developed steadily over the last months of 2019 and early months of 2020. Intertwining themes of fear and anxiety in response to personal trepidations, the urgency of climate change, the beginning of COVID-19, along with feelings of deep love and admiration. These paintings examine emotion in a contemporary practice through the abstract language, and I am investigating the Self through the layering of surfaces.

Intentionally leaving the first word of the exhibition title blank allows reactions to the show to be more open and undecided. It additionally gives the audience an opportunity to decide on a word, or phrase that they see fits in with them and their experience to the show.

My practice integrates saturated and loud colours with bold lines and geometry, often playing with darkness and light, hard lines and scribbles. At first the paintings can seem quite singular and disconnected from one another, however there is consistent overlapping of thinking, with direct links to methods of making, form and conception.



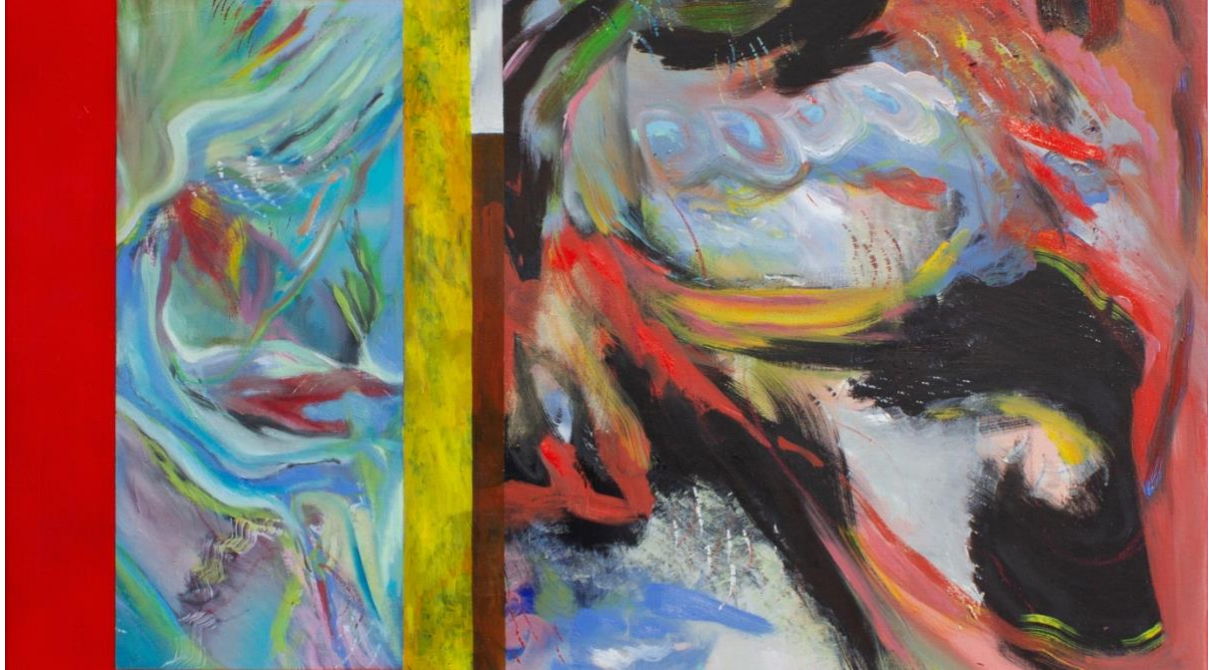
Neither Here, Nor There
2020

Oil paint, oil stick and spray paint on canvas
101.5 x 122 cm
\$1290



Grumpy
2020

Oil paint, oil stick, enamel and spray paint on canvas
101.5 x 122 cm
\$1290



Burning Blue, Sweet Relief
2020

Oil paint, oil stick and spray paint on canvas
91.5 x 50 cm
\$790



Spaces Between Us
2019
Oil paint, oil stick and spray paint on canvas
71 x 91.5 cm
\$900



Under My Skin
2019
Oil and spray paint on canvas
71 x 91.5 cm
\$900



Rest and Remain
2020

Oil paint, oil stick, spray paint and charcoal on canvas
122 x 101.5 cm
\$1290



Beyond All Conceiving
2020
Oil paint, oil stick and spray paint on canvas
101.5 x 122 cm
\$1290