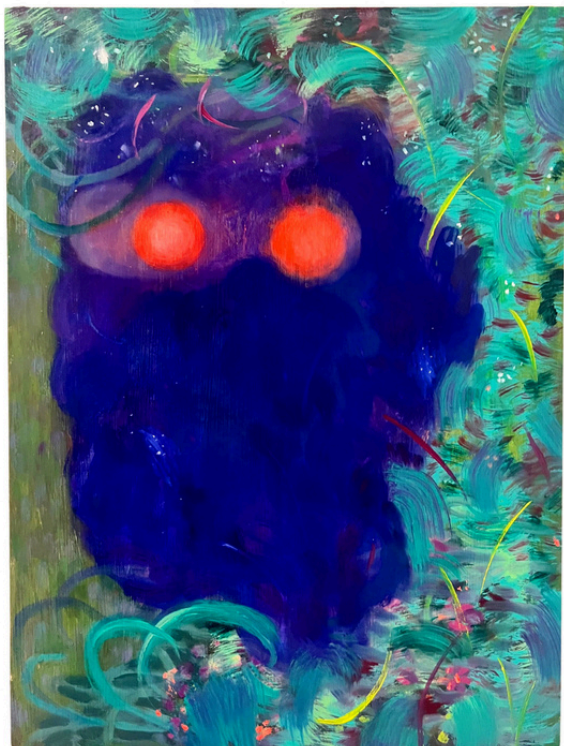


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Erika b Hess | Colors the Rain Throws

May 5 – July 8, 2024



Guava Jelly Studio is pleased to announce "Colors the Rain Throws" a solo exhibition showcasing the works of artist Erika b Hess. The show will be displayed in our Online Viewing Room from **May 5th through July 8th, 2024.**

Erika b Hess's art transcends traditional boundaries, offering viewers a unique opportunity to explore the intersection of emotion, nature, and the human psyche. In her artist statement, Hess shares, "I paint because I am a woman who is lost. I do not mind being lost; I prefer to seek and discover what we can experience in small, cloaked moments."

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Hess's paintings serve as a portal into the wilderness of human experience, where emotions ebb and flow like water, mirroring the surrounding landscape. Her masterful use of color weaves a tapestry of hues that speaks volumes about the complexity of the human condition. "At the heart of my art lies the juxtaposition between the ephemeral nature of puddles and the timeless expanse of the wilderness," explains Hess. "Puddles, symbolizing emotions and experiences, are fleeting pools of water that materialize with the rain and vanish just as swiftly, paralleling the impermanence of human existence."

In conjunction with the exhibition, Guava Jelly Studio is proud to collaborate with Erika b Hess on a special exhibition candle featuring scent notes of gathered rain, green foliage, and sandalwood.

Erika b Hess is a painter, host of the art podcast- I Like Your Work, and Artistic Director of Visual Arts at Chautauqua Institution. Hess's work has been exhibited nationally including in NYC, Brooklyn, Detroit, L.A., Boston, and Philadelphia. Recent solo exhibitions include Marietta College (Marietta, OH) and MUSA Collective (Boston, MA). Recent group exhibitions include Contemporary Art Matters, Columbus, Bridgette Mayer Gallery, Philadelphia, and MASH Gallery, L.A.

Image: Erika b Hess, World Maker, oil on canvas, 12X9 inches