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BY

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2024-09-10 - 2024-09-23

EXHIBIT SYNOPSIS

These past few years have been tough for many of us. This year started out as a year of reflection, taking stock, looking at my latest work and asking questions. Where am I going?

What are the barriers that keep me from flying, from soaring? How can I use the healing power of art to express that which holds me back? Can I come to a deeper understanding of those barriers if I create work that begins to address them? Even if I just name them?

This body of work is about those questions. Embedding the pieces with words in the layers could have gotten dark but my nature is light. In the end I want the work to have a feeling of joy. Have I found the answers? Not really. I am still searching, I think I will always be searching.

However, making this work has provided me with an entry point, a bridge, a peek, a glimpse and in some cases a huge aha moment as to what it will feel like to soar.

ARTIST BIO

Paula Borsetti creates narrative abstract paintings reflecting her love of family, friends and the nature of New England. Working primarily in acrylic, she borrows colors, patterns, textures, forms and movement from nature to create richly layered paintings that evoke memories and moments.

Paula's training began by working in the landscape. She fell in love with painting then and that love continued through her formal education. She is interested in creating space and the plasticity of the painting surface. Being an art educator fuels her desire to nurture, learn and share. Paula has a full time studio practice and shows locally, nationally, internationally and online.

Her Coastal series is influenced by sunrises and the coast of New England where she has always lived. Her paintings reference the color, sounds, textures and movement of stone, sand and surf.

Paula's PALS series is inspired by the battle her friend recently lost against ALS. Diagnosed at 25 he fought valiantly for 9 ½ years. For this series she states "I am intrigued by words. I am currently using words describing Bobby's experience with ALS as layers submerged in the paintings. I am rolling these thoughts and words around in paint and letting them lead the way to paintings that resonate with a sense of strength, hope, perseverance and life ." Bobby lost his battle, but Paula continues to use her art to advocate for awareness and a cure.

Paula's current series, Fear of Flying, is in direct response to loss. Finding her way through this body of work, she dives into real and perceived barriers that keep her from moving forward, nurturing, healing, soaring. Moving paint around the surface, scraping, sanding, building, layering, drawing are all parts of her vocabulary expressing this particular moment in time leading to works that resonate with hope and joy.

ARTIST STATEMENT

I grabbed 2 pairs of pants from my closet, one pair fit, one used to fit.
I've been holding on to the small pair for four years.

Was I more me when I was wearing the small pants?

I traced them on the linen, one inside the other. I painted joyful shapes, bright patterns, the painting bringing me closer to understanding.

I have spent my entire life overweight and afraid to show that I enjoy food. Joining every diet program. Letting it play a role in determining my worth. Sad.

I painted a place with those letters from the diet as an acronym. A place to visit, get lost, never to return.

My list of "have to do's" is now "get to do's".
Which do I tackle first? What do I choose to prioritize?
Does being a woman influence that choice? Hell yes.

Taking care of everyone else before myself.

I painted about those get to do's. I let myself soar and it felt incredible. Taking care of me.

Do I have to wear lipstick to be taken seriously? I don't know how to apply makeup. I have a five minute face. I painted a celebration of my own lipstick optional movement.

Relationships are difficult. Spouses, family, children, workplace, self. Relationships with creating. I painted the joy in the difficulty, focusing on when cracks of light get in and shine on the beauty underlying the struggle. It feels pink.

Fear of Flying tackles barriers that keep me from soaring. The works are richly layered with text embedded, releasing fears, allowing hope to appear. Moments are celebrated in marks, texture, color. Compositions reveal a story unfolding with each reading. These paintings start with fears, words, anguish, screams, whispers and then on the surface resonate with joy, hope, gratitude.

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Soar, 2024

Acrylic on linen
36 x 36 in (h x w)

\$ 3,000



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Wear The Pants, 2024

Acrylic on linen
36 x 36 in (h x w)

\$ 3,000



PAULA BORSETTI
Lipstick Optional, 2024
Acrylic on linen
36 x 36 in (h x w)
\$ 3,000



PAULA BORSETTI
Skotwalds, 2024
Acrylic on linen
36 x 36 in (h x w)
\$ 3,000



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"In" The Garden, Installation video, 2024
Acrylic on plexiglass
48 x 36 in (h x w)
\$ 1,999

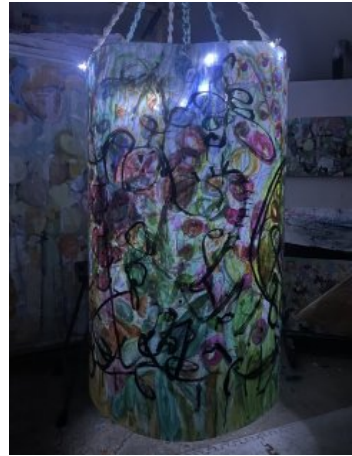


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"In" The Garden, Installation video nighttime, 2024

Acrylic on plexiglass
48 x 36 in (h x w)

\$ 1,999



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"In" The Garden, 2024

Acrylic on plexiglass
71 x 36 in (h x w)

\$ 1,999



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Let Us Tell The Stories Of Love And Light, 2024

Acrylic on panel
16 x 20 in (h x w)

\$ 895



PAULA BORSETTI

I Will See You In The Morning Dew, 2024

Acrylic and leaf on panel
20 x 20 in (h x w)

\$ 1,295



PAULA BORSETTI

I'll Take My Tea In The Garden, Love, 2024

Acrylic and leaf on panel
20 x 20 in (h x w)

\$ 1,295



PAULA BORSETTI

Purple Sage, Purple Sage, 2024

Acrylic and leaf on panel
20 x 20 in (h x w)

\$ 1,295



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Dear Mom, 2024

Acrylic on vinyl
71 x 37 in (h x w)



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There Is A Crack In The Infrastructure Where The
Light Gets In, 2024

Acrylic on deep cradle panel
24 x 36 in (h x w)
\$ 3,000



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Skip, Jump, Twirl In This Moment, 2024

Acrylic on deep cradle panel
24 x 36 in (h x w)
\$ 3,000



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Fractured And Stitched 1, 2024

Acrylic and leaf on panel in a natural floater frame
16 x 16 in (h x w)

\$ 1,500



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Fractured And Stitched 2, 2024

Acrylic and leaf on panel in a natural floater frame
16 x 16 in (h x w)

\$ 1,500



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Fractured And Stitched 3, 2024

Acrylic and leaf on panel in a natural floater frame
16 x 16 in (h x w)

\$ 1,500



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Love Song, 2024

Acrylic and leaf on panel
24 x 24 in (h x w)

\$ 2,300



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Bursting At The Seams, 2024

Acrylic on panel
24 x 24 in (h x w)

\$ 3,000



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DayDreaming, 2024

Acrylic on deep cradle panel
24 x 24 in (h x w)

\$ 3,000



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Jenny's Journey 1 - She Came As A Surprise, 2024

Acrylic on panel with natural floater frame
8 x 10 in (h x w)

\$ 375



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Jenny's Journey 2 - She Fit Right In, 2024

Acrylic on panel with natural floater frame
8 x 10 in (h x w)

\$ 375



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Jenny's Journey 3 - Every Little Thing Matters, 2024

Acrylic on panel with natural floater frame
8 x 10 in (h x w)

\$ 375



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Jenny's Journey 4 - Three Girls, 2024

Acrylic on panel with natural floater frame
8 x 10 in (h x w)

\$ 375



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Jenny's Journey 5 - She Crossed That Divide, 2024

Acrylic on panel with natural floater frame
8 x 10 in (h x w)

\$ 375



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Jenny's Journey 6 - She Summered At The Lake,
2024

Acrylic on panel with natural floater frame
8 x 10 in (h x w)

\$ 375



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Jenny's Journey 7 - Love Life, 2024

Acrylic on panel with natural floater frame
8 x 10 in (h x w)

\$ 375



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Jenny's Journey 8 - Always Pushing Ahead, 2024

Acrylic on panel with natural floater frame
8 x 10 in (h x w)

\$ 375



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Jenny's Journey 9 - Every Day Dawns Anew, 2024

Acrylic on panel with natural floater frame
8 x 10 in (h x w)

\$ 375



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Jenny's Journey 10 - A Stop Along The Path, 2024

Acrylic on panel with natural floater frame
8 x 10 in (h x w)

\$ 375



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Jenny's Journey 11 - So Many Moments To Remember, 2024

Acrylic on panel
8 x 10 in (h x w)

\$ 375



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Jenny's Journey 12 - Time To Go, 2024

Acrylic on panel
8 x 10 in (h x w)

\$ 375



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Finding Gems Along The Journey, 2024

Acrylic on panel
11 x 14 in (h x w)

\$ 500



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