



enouement, Bethany Czarnecki
June 26 - August 1, 2020

Massey Klein Gallery is pleased to present, *enouement*, a solo exhibition of new work by Bethany Czarnecki. Hosted in Massey Klein's intimate east gallery room, *enouement* runs concurrent to a two-person exhibition, *Elemental*. Both exhibitions will be on view by appointment from Friday, June 26th until Saturday, August 1st. Please email info@masseyklein.com to schedule an in-person viewing or visit the gallery's website to experience a virtual walk-through of both exhibitions.

Bethany Czarnecki creates abstract paintings that project an atmospheric sense of place while exploring the paradoxes and complexities of the female form and its representation. Her swirling compositions investigate themes of gender, identity, sensuality, and the human psyche. Working slowly with oil paint, Czarnecki carves out multiple layers of concentric, biomorphic shapes that radiate chromatic planes. Ranging from opaque color fields to translucent overlays, nested silhouettes bend and bloom as they foster complex relationships within each composition. The artist's use of repetitive forms signifies a distortion of time and place that allude to dreamscapes, while color becomes a carrier of emotion that ultimately reveals the unseen.

The works included in *enouement* continue the artist's language of abstract painting while exploring internal thoughts of experience, place, memory, and time. The word, *enouement*, refers to a bittersweet feeling of arriving in the present day coupled with the longing to share the gained knowledge of the present with the past self. This poignant reflection is evidenced in Czarnecki's paintings through her complex use of color, dimensionality, and careful attention to the edges and intersections of oil paint. These pseudo-landscapes, forms, and narratives allow for an imaginative and contemplative space rich with energy.

Czarnecki has exhibited nationally at galleries and museums, including Amy Simon Fine Art, Westport, CT and The Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY. Her work is in the collection of Citizens Bank Corporate Office, Bentonville, AR. This is the artist's first exhibition with the gallery.

Massey Klein Gallery is located at 124 Forsyth St. New York, NY 10002. Gallery hours are by appointment only during the current COVID climate. For press inquiries or questions about works available, please contact info@masseyklein.com or call +1.917.261.4657.