

Katonah Museum of Art Features Israeli Artist Rotem Reshef



Rotem Reshef, self-portrait at her studio, New York, in preparations for Arcadia, Katonah Museum of Art, 2019

STAFF REPORT

Rotem Reshef's most recent painting-installation "Arcadia", is now on view in a solo exhibition at the Katonah Museum of Art, until January 26, 2020. An abstract process based action painter based in New York City and Tel Aviv, she works in 2 and 3 dimensional forms.

In this large scale exhibit, Reshef is alluding to Nicholas Poussin's painting "Et In Arcadia Ego. The installation deals with the tension between the picturesque environment of the museum's natural surroundings with the potential of disturbance and the suspended aggression that lies underneath the surface, both in American and in Israeli societies."

For Reshef's painting installations, she uses a control and release technique, as she pours diluted paint on a horizontal canvas, tilting it and imprinting it to create layered compositions.

In Arcadia, Reshef has collected organic materials, some from the Museum's grounds in Katonah, and paints on monumental rolls of unstretched canvas that are suspended from the walls. "The marks and vibrant palette which saturate the entire surface reference the natural world, and the gesture of pouring paint reveals her unconventional artistic process that filters and redefines abstraction and expression," the Museum summarizes. Her attention to detail and texture encourages the viewer to see the ecological changes.

Born in 1964, Reshef is a graduate of HaMadrasha-Faculty of the Arts at Beit Berl Academic College and holds a Master's degree from Reinwardt Academy, Amsterdam. In 1987, she was awarded a promising Young Artist Scholarship from the America-Israel Cultural Foundation and participated in the Inaugural Exhibition of the Museum of Israeli Art in Ramat Gan, Israel. She has had many solo and group exhibitions in New York, California and Israel.

The Katonah Museum of Art is located at 134 Jay Street, Katonah. Call 914-232-9555 for more information.