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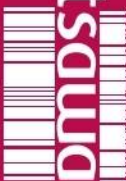
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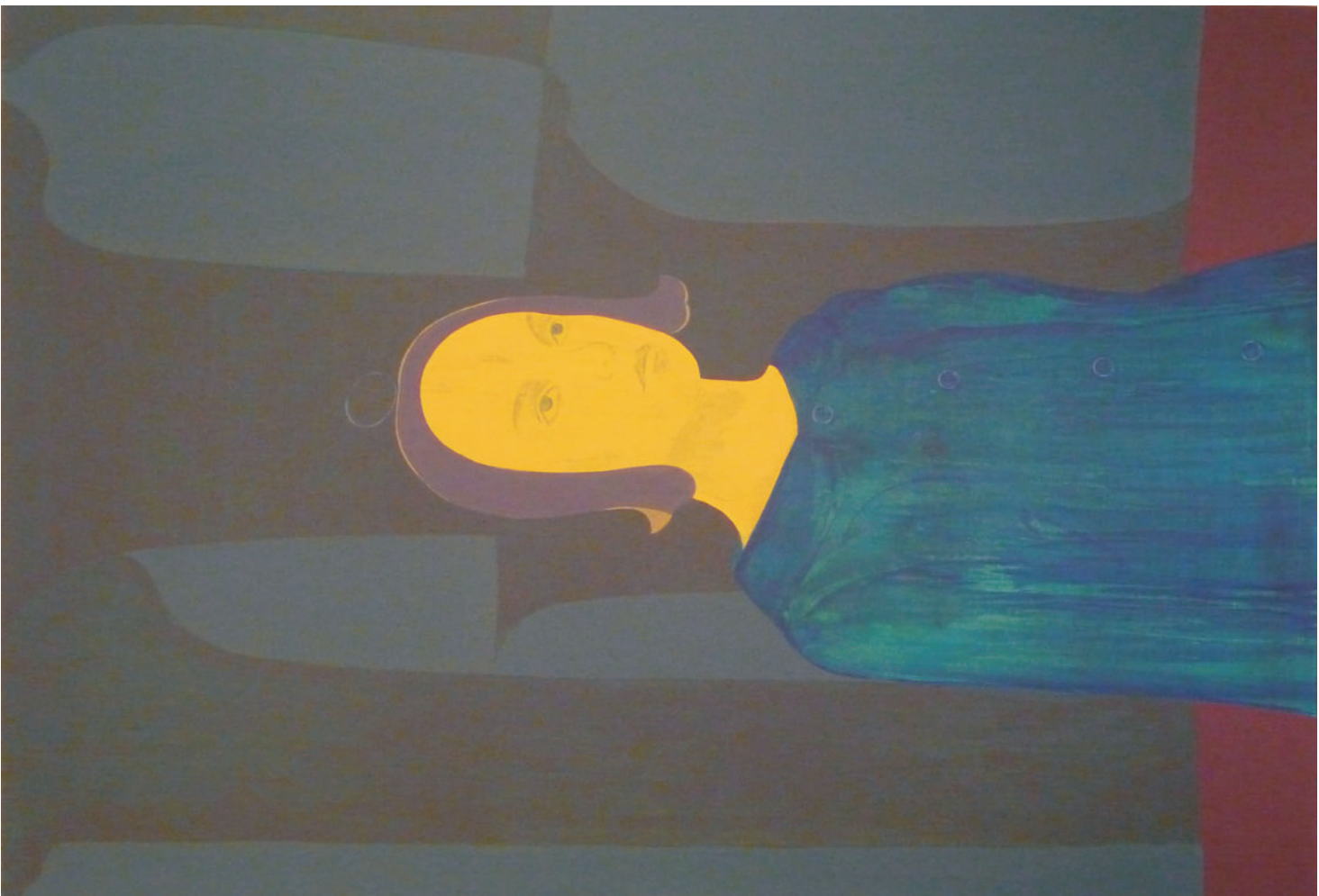
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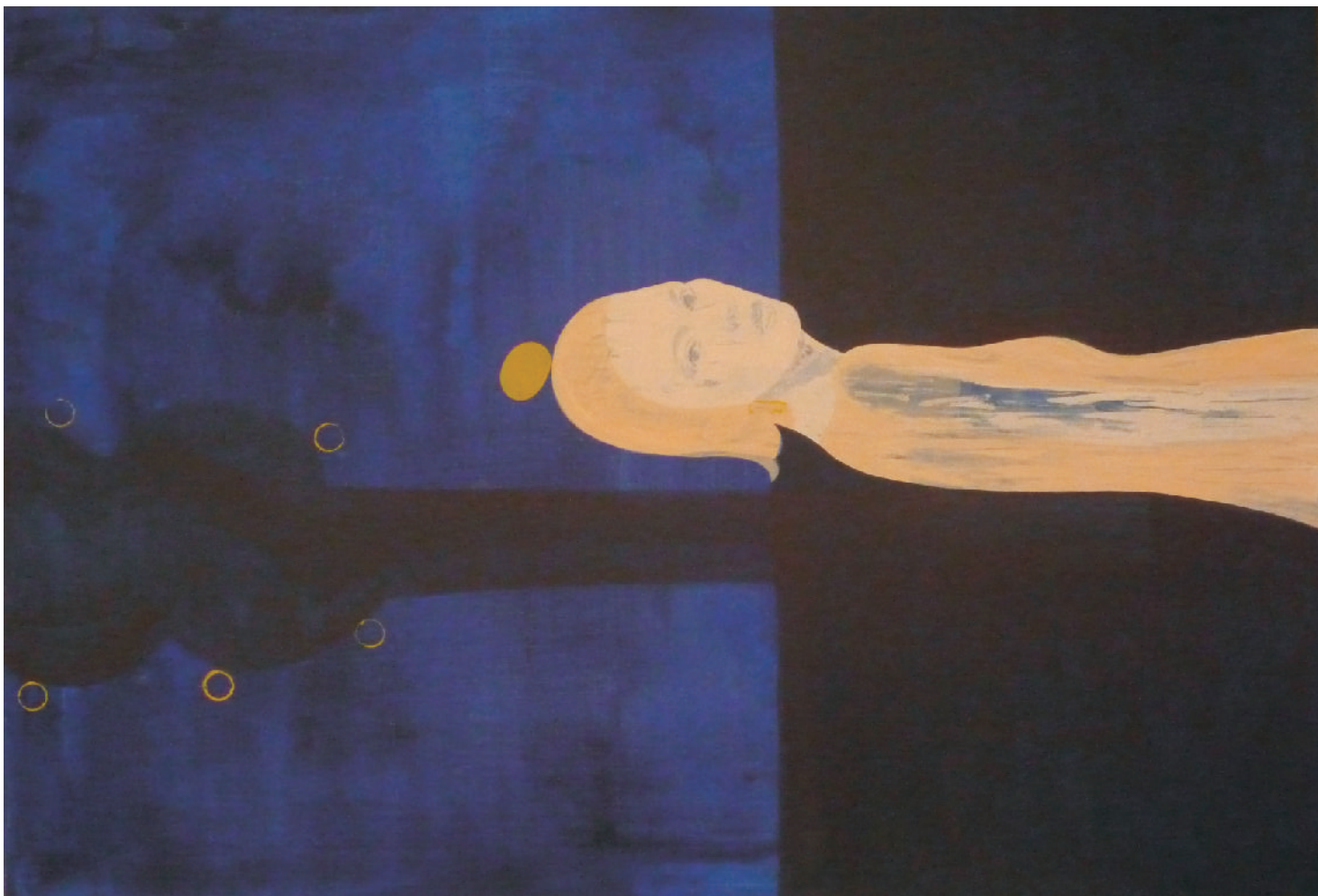
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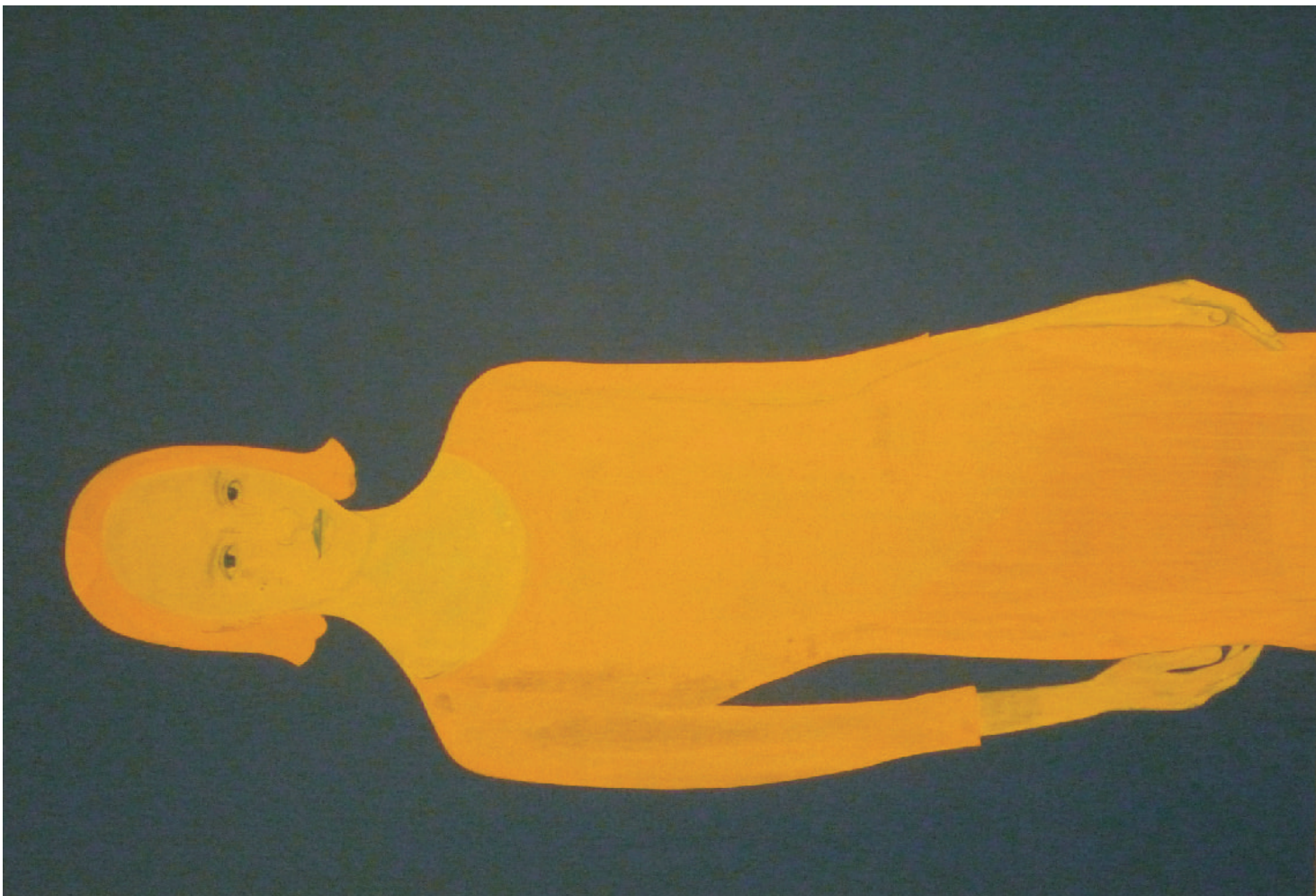
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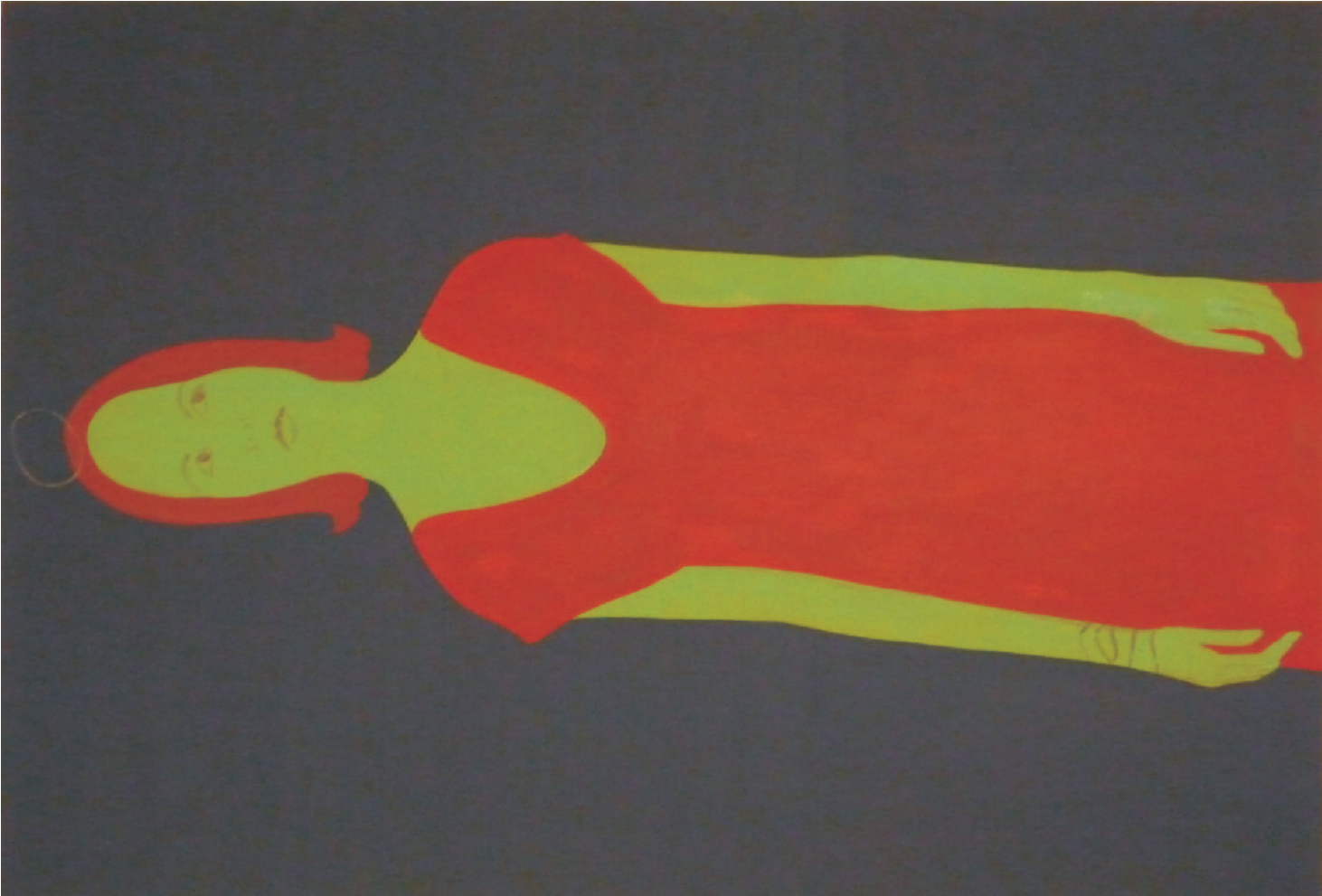
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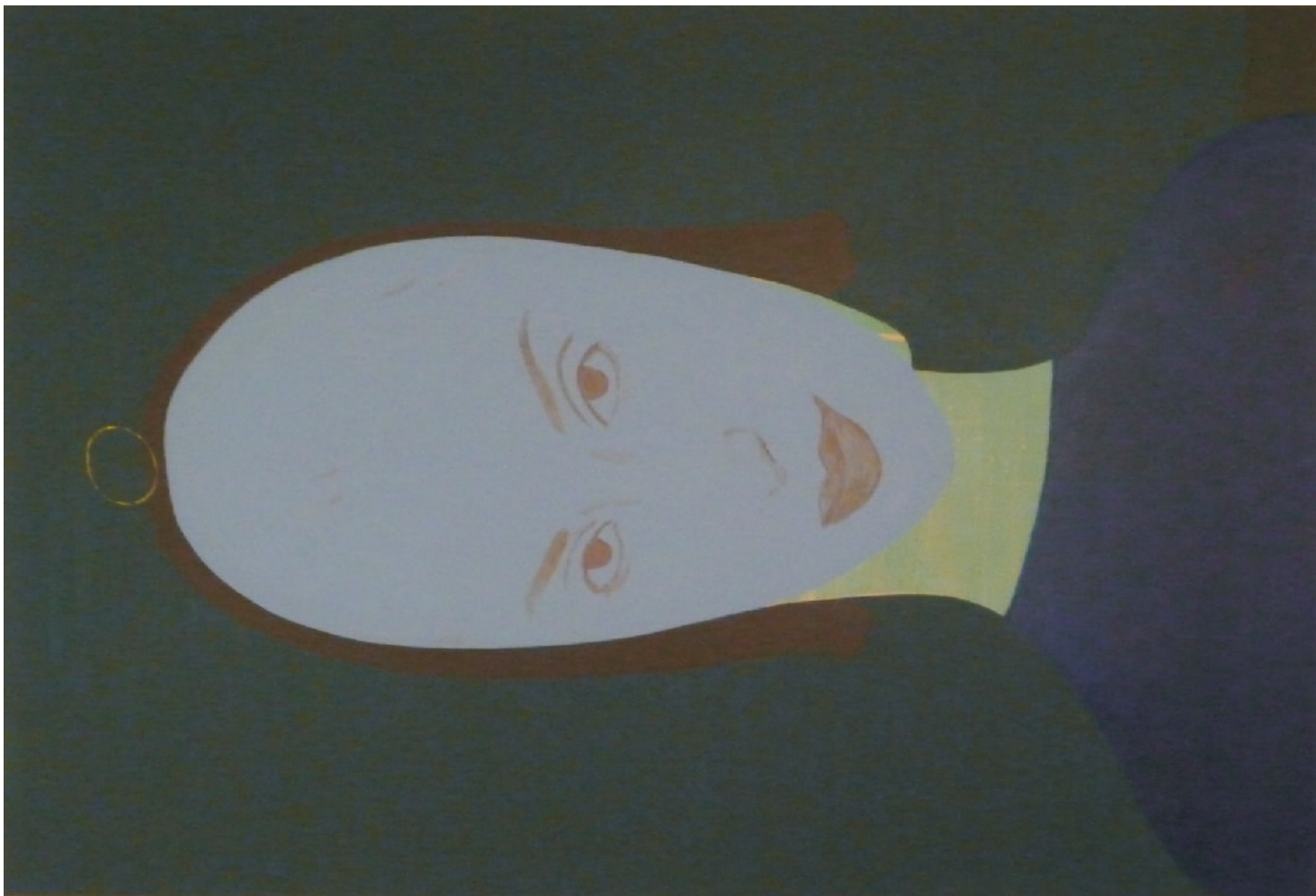
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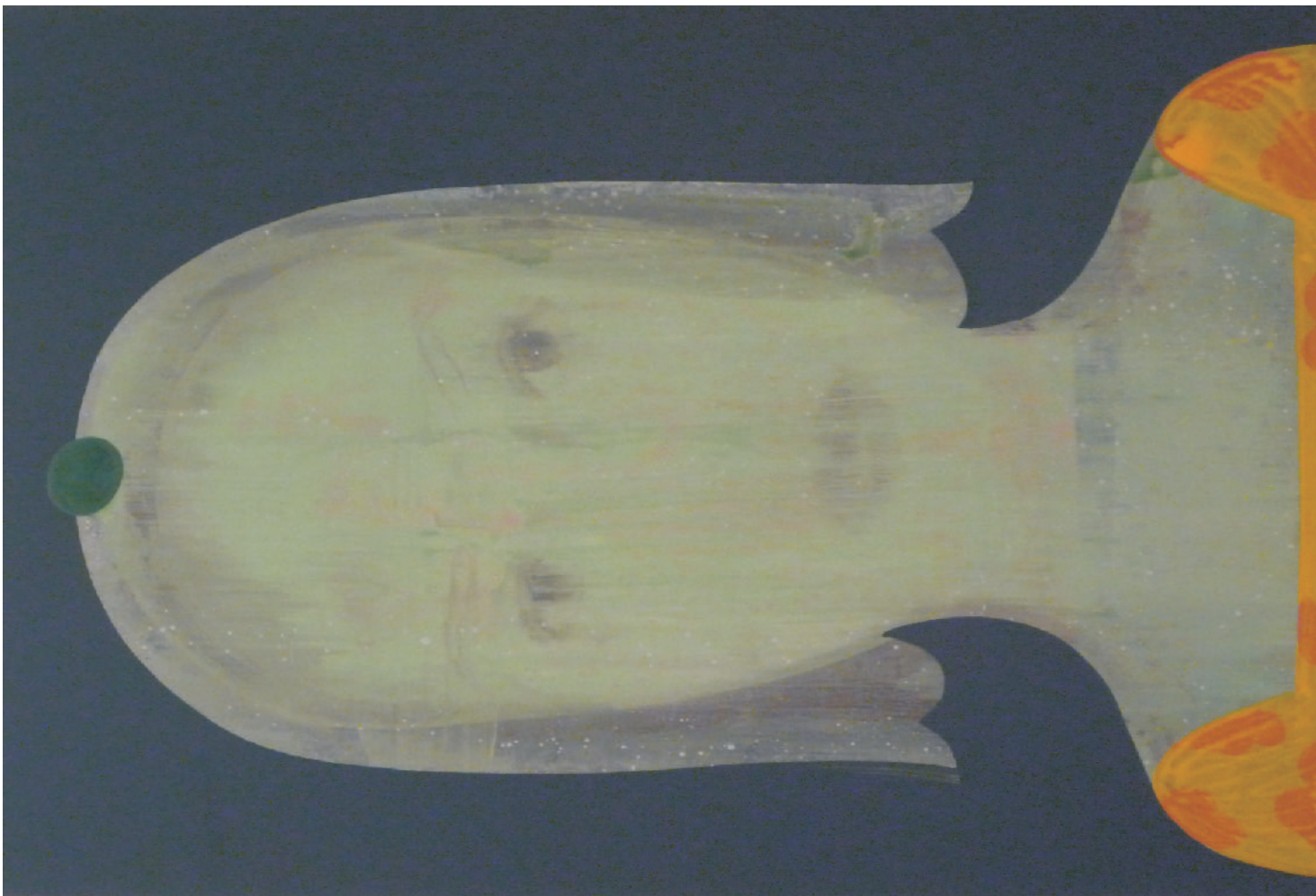
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ESSAM MAROUF

Born in 1958, Cairo, Egypt. Lives and works between Egypt and the Netherlands.

THE VULNERABILITY OF THE MOMENT, THE TRANSITION OF TIME

The portrait remains the preferred subject for Essam Marouf. The works are characterised by clear precision of form and the absence of any visible references to paint texture. Yet, a degree of sensitivity is expressed in the face aided by the application of clear tones and the way in which the canvasses' structure is suggested. Marouf's works are solidly two-dimensional that maintain minimal anatomy and an essentially Byzantine frontality. This dramatic immediacy can be found in the works of Giotto and Warhol. Essam Marouf has succeeded in pushing the limits of portraiture resulting in what looks like a truly contemporary painting.

"Painting... a magnificent medium to express myself in... The magnificent way to build in all freedom of my own and the world around me. With minimalism in form and colour, I try to give my paintings an inner power and spiritual energy. The two factors that give, in my eyes, paintings their inconceivable power. This manner of seeing paintings began more than 25 years ago during my study in Italy after seeing and falling in love with the works of the great masters Giotto and Piero della Francesca."

Essam Marouf



SELECTED EXHIBITIONS:

2008 "10th International Cairo Biennale", Cairo, Egypt "Um Kalthoum", L'Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France "Gallery Salon", Art Palace, Cairo, Egypt "Art Amsterdam", Galerie Smarius, Sonnegra, Netherlands

2007 "Essam Marouf: Solo Exhibition", Mashrabia Gallery, Cairo, Egypt "L'Uomo del Mediterraneo", Museo Complesso del Vittoriano, Rome, Italy

2002 "Op de Huid Gekeken", SBK - Kunsthal de Remise, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1998 "Eeuwig Kwetsbaar", Provinciaal Museum Begijnhofkerk St. Truiden, Belgium

1995 "One Hour Art", Arti et Amicitiae, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1993 "Kleine Werken, Grote Dromen", Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam, Netherlands

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Muhammed Housni, Tawfiq, "2nd Gallery Salon", exhibition catalogue p224-225: **(2008)**

Kramer, Arno, "Essam Marouf", Galerie Smarius, Kunst van de Dag, exhibition brochure **(August 2006)**

Singelsma, Sytse, "Herinneringsportretten van Essam Marouf", Leeuwarder Courant, exhibition brochure **(January 2006)**

El Siwi, Adel & Dik, Iris, "Essam Marouf", Mashrabia Gallery, exhibition brochure **(March 1993)**

