

ENERGY FLOW

A new body of work by the French-Iranian artist generates energy on canvas

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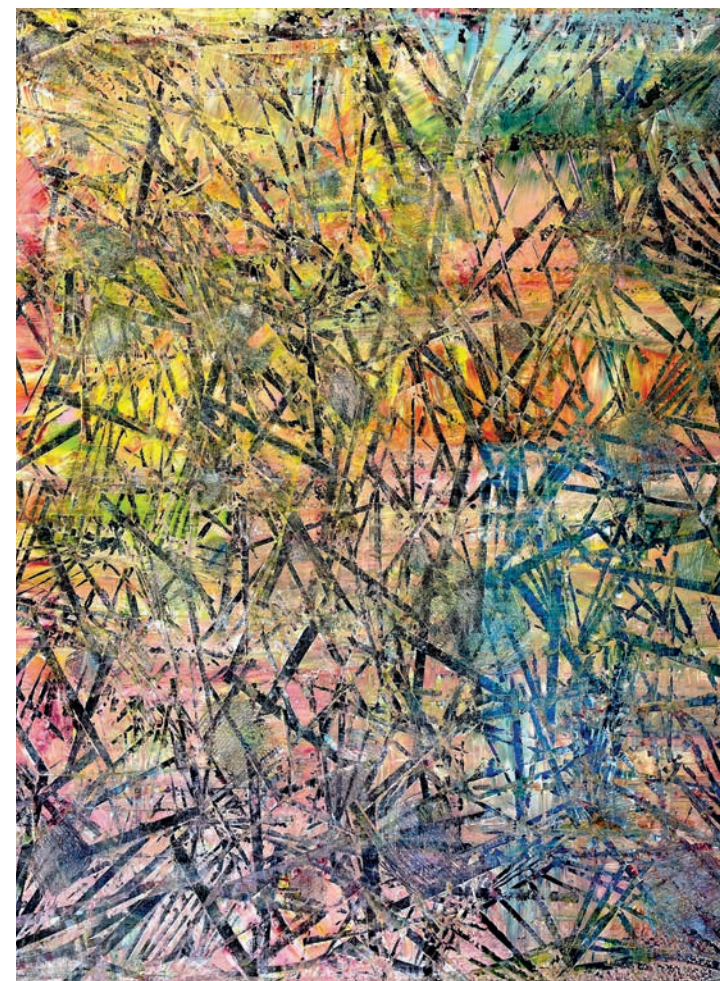
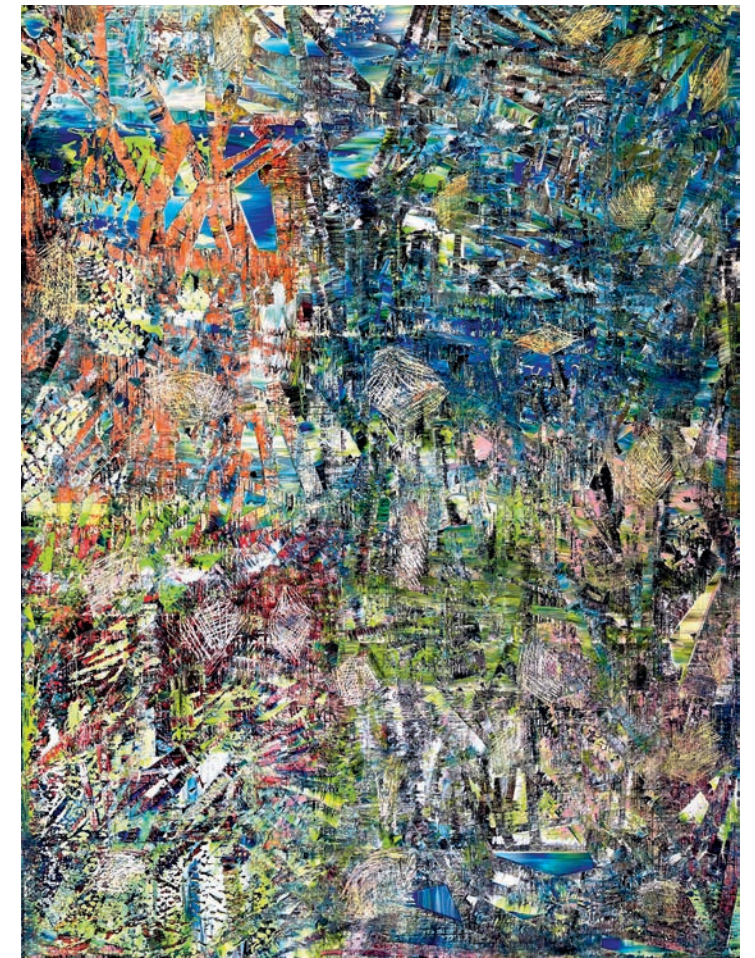
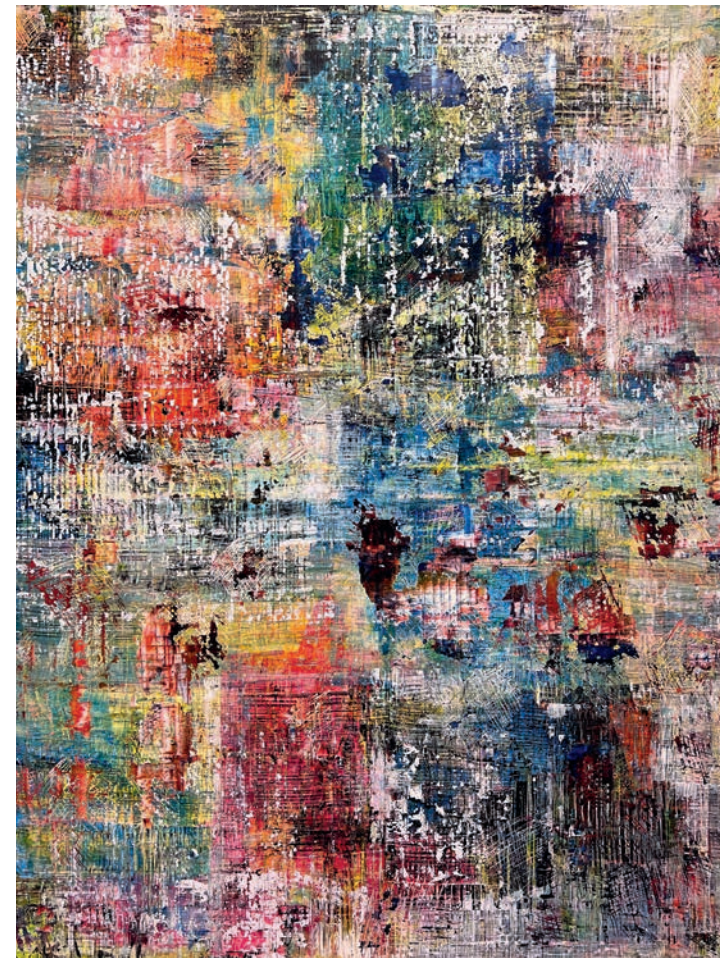
In his studio in Cap Ferrat, in the south of France, Sassan Behnam-Bakhtiar creates his paintings using a technique called *peinture raclée* – a process he says he deploys to metaphorically strip down the superfluous elements of our lives, revealing the energetic source.

The collection, titled ‘Manifest’, is a hybrid collection of physical and digital artworks, comprising 50 physical paintings and 50 NFTs. He is an artist on the up, with two of his works recently selling for record prices at auction in London.

A child of revolution, Behnam-Bakhtiar has had a colourful, sometimes troubled, life. Now the colours he creates are those of the mountains and the sea near his home, in a part of France that inspired artists from Cézanne to Dufy. ♦



The artist Sassan Behnam-Bakhtiar, in his studio in Cap Ferrat, holding a paint-scraping tool, which he uses for his special *peinture raclée* technique



IN THE ARTIST'S OWN WORDS:

Sparks of Life

(above left) It always starts with a spark! You feel the energy from within trying to break through the conditioned layers of your humanity, built up while living in our modern societies. Through these cracks you then start to shed the necessary layers to arrive at your soul frequency. Once a person can truly feel that, and tune into that frequency, anything is possible

Nothing but Energy

(above right) This demonstrates the inner world of a human being – order in chaos. And the importance of manipulating this chaos, in a way that promotes human evolution, being long overdue. Imagine when a maths formula starts to make sense and gives you the result you have been working towards. This is a similar process, where one needs to constantly tune their energy in order to obtain that result

And We Knew

it Was Our Time
(bottom left) It shows two inner worlds mixing together for the first time, creating a new harmonious one. Imagine two lovers getting together and everything clicks, creating a new inner world ruled by harmony and balance