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An Exhibition of Works



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The history of art, particularly postwar abstraction, provides a vital foundation for Millay's practice. Seeking to extend rather than break from the legacies of Hard-edge painting, Lyrical Abstraction, Color Field painting, and Minimalism, she is constantly exploring the material, formal, and emotional possibilities that lie beyond figuration. At once still and forever in flux, her work shares a magnetic vitality with that of artists such as Ellsworth Kelly and Blinky Palermo.

Millay's early interest in gestural energy soon evolved into a more contemplative approach. Among the catalysts for this transition was her search for novel tools. Experimenting with wooden sticks, trowels, and patterned blades in lieu of brushes allowed Millay to change the pace of painting without sacrificing its power.

The deliberate solidity of Millay's work is balanced by its sensuality. Underlying each distilled composition is the dynamic energy of the series of grids she creates—and recreates—on surfaces of wood, linen, or cotton and overlays with multiple layers of paint. The cumulative effect brings the paintings into the realm of sculpture: an intersection she is now exploring in relationship to scale, through a new series on large, shaped canvases.

J. Millay lives and works in Los Angeles.

Series —	No.	Works —	Acrylic on —	Size in —
Constellations	1	Dorado	canvas	36x36
	2	Vela	canvas	36x36
	3	Volans	canvas	36x36
	4	Corvus	canvas	36x36
	5	Pictor	canvas	36x36
	6	Argo Navis	canvas	36x36
	7	Apus	canvas	36x36
Plates	8	Plate #1	canvas	36x36
	9	Plate #2	canvas	36x36
	10	Plate #3	canvas	36x36
	11	Plate #4	canvas	36x36
	12	Plate #5	canvas	36x36
	13	Plate #6	canvas	36x36
	14	Plate #7	canvas	36x36
	15	Plate #8	canvas	36x60
	16	Plate #9	canvas	36x60
	17	Plate #10	canvas	36x60
I Ching	18	Sculpture #1	wood	22.5x13.5
	19	Sculpture #2	wood	22.5x13.5
	20	XIII Fellowship	canvas	25x25
	21	LVII Profits	canvas	25x25
	22	XXXI Resonance	canvas	25x25
	23	LI Fortune	canvas	25x25

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