



Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center

ENERGY FIELD

Melissa Staiger

Exhibition Gallery Sheet

Light, color and sound gather here—forming an immersive environment for reflection and renewal. Consider this space a solarium: a place of light, warmth and quiet restoration. Within it, Brooklyn-based artist Melissa Staiger’s Energy Field paintings engage the senses through color, rhythm and movement.

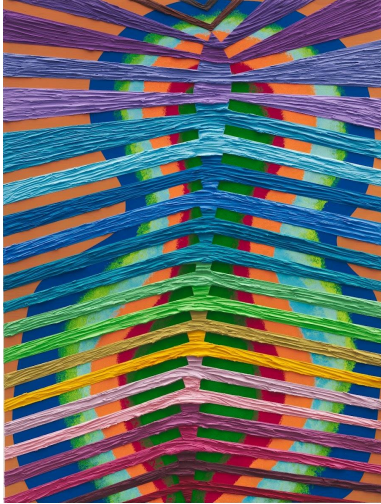
Staiger’s work explores color as an active, dynamic force. Built through layered acrylic paint, each composition develops through accumulations of hue and texture. Organic and geometric forms expand outward in wave-like patterns, suggesting growth, breath and transformation.

Luminous color relationships invite the eye to adjust and respond. Installed in dialogue with nature-based soundscapes by Moodsonic, the paintings become part of a multisensory environment. Prisms placed in the windows refract sunlight into shifting bands of color that move across the space, extending the visual experience beyond the canvas.

Research suggests that engaging with art can support wellbeing and reflection. This exhibition invites visitors to pause, observe and consider their own experiences of restoration and care.

What does healing look like to you? Visitors are invited to participate. Colored pencils and drawing prompts are available for you to respond creatively. You may take your drawing with you or contribute it to a shared display in the space. The exhibition will grow through your collective expressions.

Curated by Iris Jaffe



Organic Form No. 5 2023

Acrylic paint on panel

36 x 48 inches



Organic Form No. 7 2023

Acrylic paint on panel

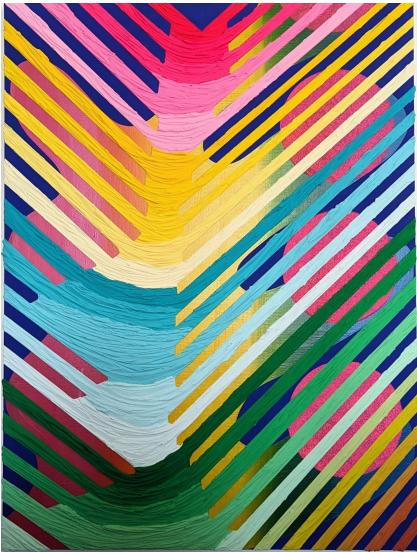
24 x 72 inches



Organic Form No. 2 2023

Acrylic on panel

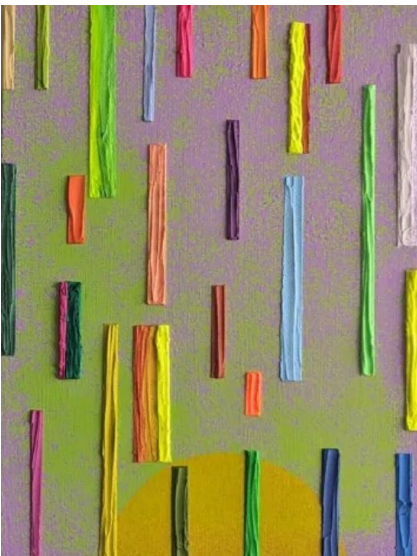
36 x 48 inches



Organic Form No. 4 2023

Acrylic on panel

36 x 48 inches



Wave No. 52 2024

Acrylic on panel

9 x 12 inches



Wave No. 46 2024
Acrylic on panel
9 x 12 inches



Wave No. 37 2024
Acrylic on panel
9 x 12 inches



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Rooted No. 18 2022

Acrylic on panel

18 x 24 inches



Melissa Staiger, Artist

Melissa Staiger (b. 1978, Louisville, KY) is a Brooklyn-based artist whose work explores abstraction through color, rhythm and layered process. She received her BFA from the Maryland Institute College of Art and her MFA from Pratt Institute.

A recent solo exhibition, *Prisma*, was presented at Hebel_121 Gallery in Basel, Switzerland. Staiger has participated in residencies including the Robert Rauschenberg Artist Residency and the Wassaic Project Residency.

She is a member of American Abstract Artists and teaches in the Foundation Department at Pratt Institute. Her practice engages color as a living force—unfolding as luminous fields of vibration, rhythm and light that open space for quiet reflection, sensory awareness and perceptual renewal.

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Iris Jaffe, Exhibition Curator

Iris Jaffe (b. 1982, New York, NY) is an artist, curator, writer, project manager and part polymath, part jack of all trades in the visual arts.

Her oeuvre consists of acrylic and oil painting on canvas, digital imaging, photography, collage, drawing, sculpture, installation and video. Her work has been exhibited across New York and in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Brittany, France. Jaffe earned a BA with Honors from Brown University and has worked for the contemporary sculptor Tom Sachs and the art gallerist Ronald Feldman.

She has been published in *Hyperallergic* and *Whitehot Magazine* and was featured in the book *Making History Bushwick*. The artist currently lives and works in New York.

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Moodsonic, Soundscape Partner

Moodsonic's generative soundscaping delivers immersive, nature-based audio designed to support wellbeing, restoration, and cognitive ease in indoor spaces such as healthcare environments, workplaces, and education settings. The system composes biophilic soundscapes in real time, producing an ever-changing sonic experience that, just like nature, doesn't loop. Soundscapes can be custom designed, drawing from a palette of natural and harmonic elements, to create something unique and tailored to where they are enjoyed. Moodsonic's approach is grounded in research on the impact of sound on human physiology and perception, applying acoustic science and design to transform how people experience physical spaces.

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