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Sikkema Jenkins & Co. is pleased to present a suite of new large-scale works by Zipora Fried, on view May 8 through June 12, 2021. In these monumental compositions, Fried explores the physicality of the drawn gesture and the transformative qualities of color.

As both a color and an emotive experience, gradients of blue have featured prominently across Fried's body of work. The dense richness of pigment, built up line by line, creates a luminous expanse both intimate and all-encompassing in its scale and depth. The spectrum of color offers both a visual and temporal experience – gleaming sapphire slowly fades to meet a swath of twilight black, as if we are witnessing the sky's transformation from day to night. Fields of lush shades of green take the form of landscapes, or light passing over land and sea.

Rendered in colored pencil, each mark is distinct and singular, yet subsumed within the larger composition. The ability to at once trace each individual stroke, as well as its place within the complete field of color, brings a sense of continuous movement and vibrancy.

Areas of darkness and light conceal and illuminate one another, in a constant making and unmaking of space and form. The drawings are complete, prismatic environments resonating with energy and life.

Zipora Fried (b. Haifa, Israel) studied at the Academy of Applied Arts, Vienna. Recent exhibitions include *As the Ground Turns*, Sikkema Jenkins & Co., New York (2019); *Late October* at On Stellar Rays, New York (2016); *Zipora Fried* at Marfa Contemporary, Marfa, TX (2015); and *Good Night, Mister Procastes* at Galerie Steinek, Vienna (2014). Her work is included in the public collections of The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY; Albright-Knox Gallery, Buffalo, NY; The Albertina Museum, Vienna, Austria; and the Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, MA. She lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

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