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(Toronto, Canada, 1996) is a Toronto-based abstract artist whose work is a visceral exploration of lived experience, memory, and the passage of time. Through large-scale, expressive paintings, she channels the emotional resonance of human connection, the fleeting currents of everyday life, and the textures of memory into vibrant, intuitive compositions. Rooted in the physicality of mark-making, her practice allows movement, emotion, and instinct to guide each gesture, offering viewers space to reflect, linger, and encounter the quiet intimacy of shared experience. Celia holds a Bachelor of Design from Toronto Metropolitan University and worked in the fashion industry prior to her career in art, experiences that continue to inform her sensitivity to materiality, texture, and colour. Her work is held in private collections across North America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, and has been placed in prominent commercial spaces including Scotiabank Arena in Toronto, 200 Amsterdam in New York, Aria in Las Vegas, and The Laurel in West Palm Beach. Celia is currently represented by Bau-Xi Gallery in Toronto, Saint Cloche Gallery in Australia and 11 Contemporary in China.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Loosen your grip, Escat Gallery, Barcelona, Spain (2026)
When We Were Small, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, Canada, 2025
Love Language, Sugarlift Gallery, New York, USA, 2024
Notes to Myself - And Now You, Cry Baby Gallery, Toronto, Canada, 2023
Solo, Cry Baby Gallery, Toronto, Canada, 2022

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Assembly, Tappan, Los Angeles, USA, 2026
Chroma II, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, Canada, 2026
A Year in Preview, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, Canada, 2026
A Collective Unfolding, Saint Cloche, Sydney, Australia, 2025
Winter Group Exhibition, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, Canada, 2025
A Cabinet of Curiosities, Two Faced Gallery, Los Angeles, USA, 2025
Love All, Glass Rice Gallery, San Francisco, USA, 2025
Summer Show, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, Canada, 2025
Group Show, Material (Berlin Art Week), Berlin, Germany, 2025
Homebody, Two Faced Gallery (in collaboration with Tacit Collective), Los Angeles, USA, 2025
Negative 25, 11 Contemporary Art Centre, Shenzhen, China, 2025
Ways to Love, Northern Contemporary, Toronto, Canada, 2025
Tales of Women, Tang Contemporary, Hong Kong, China, 2024
Secret Garden, 11 Contemporary Art Centre, Shenzhen, China, 2024
Fragments of Thought, PWD Gallery, Kitchener, Canada, 2024
No Man's Land, Cry Baby Gallery (presented by Tacit), Toronto, Canada, 2024
Wavelengths, Abbozzo Gallery, Toronto, Canada, 2023
Group Exhibition, Arta Gallery, Toronto, Canada, 2022

ART FAIRS

Art Toronto, Bau-Xi Gallery, Toronto, Canada, 2025
SWAB Barcelona, Escat Gallery, Barcelona, Spain, 2025
SCOPE Art Show Miami, Cry Baby Gallery, Miami, USA, 2024
Art Shenzhen, 11 Contemporary Art Centre, Shenzhen, China, 2024
Foundations Online Art Fair, curated by Artsy, Online, 2023
Artist Project, Toronto, Canada, 2023