



Barbara Grad
Improvised and Unpolished
October 27 - December 22, 2023

We are pleased to announce *Improvised and Unpolished*, a solo exhibition of paintings by Barbara Grad. This is Grad's 5th solo exhibition with the gallery since 2011. In this group of paintings, Grad steps back from her large scale canvases and focuses on more immediate surroundings with mid-size works. Join us for an Opening Reception will be held Friday, November 3rd from 5-8pm.

These new smaller-scale paintings have a fresh simplicity and intimacy while being unexplainable. They emerge using an intuitive process of painting, where things change and appear out of place catching the viewer by surprise. The work is neither an abstract nor a familiar illusion, but somewhere in between, in an unstable place of today. It is inspired by nature but at the same time is reinventing the environment in the present tense.

Within the privacy of my studio, this work can be traced to how I see the world. I use my hands and get dirty to understand the physicality of paint through shape and color. It is messy thinking where the imagery is realized by means of invention. The work is filled with associations and connections where reality shapes my imagination and my imagination shapes a painting.

– Barbara Grad