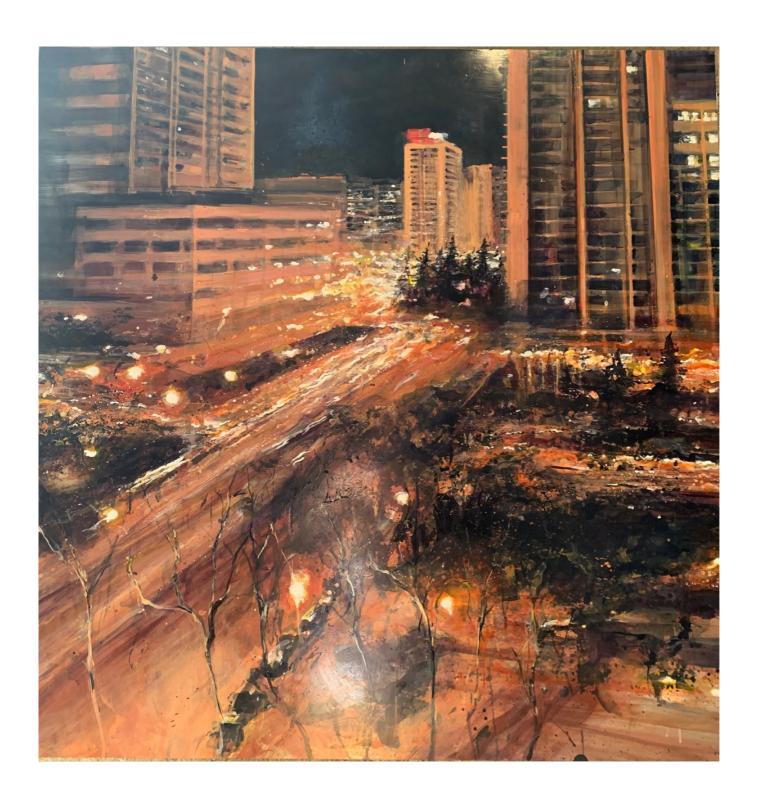
Reworking Themes from My Past

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Biography

Kira is a Swiss/Danish artist based in Zurich who holds regular exhibitions at Galerie Wehrli. She focuses on urban and landscape painting, inspired by the instant moment. "I work horizontally, as the paint flows with the intent of two worlds: from a distance, it's nearly photographic; from up close, there is chaos and it's abstract." Her traditional subjects clash with the metallic material that stands as a metaphor for light.

Studio Tour

Interview

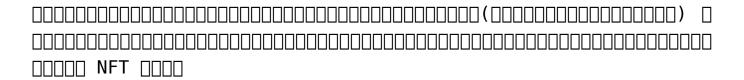
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In the years after art school, I had an independent studio in London, Denmark and Madrid. When we moved to Zurich our family situation and property prices meant that I had my workspace in the cellar of our rental home. I have been living, working and perfecting the "home office" over the last 18 years while exhibiting regularly with a Gallery in Zurich.

And then Corona happened. With everyone around me moving in, my carefully constructed border between my art world and my everyday life started to blur, slowly paralyzing my creative process. However, the Lockdown opened a shut door and I began looking for space which led me to an abandoned chemical site in town that offered affordable spaces to small businesses and individuals. I went from a dark small cellar room to a 12m high and over 100m2 big space within a subculture of individuals who are pursuing their dreams. While Corona forced people into the home office it felt I was going in the opposite direction. As I draw my inspiration for my paintings from the outside world (which wasn't available in lockdown) I started looking inwards, visiting and reworking themes from my past.

My planned exhibition in the gallery in Zurich got cancelled.

In spite of having an ambiguous relationship with marketing myself (leaving that job to my gallery and agent), I began to post my work on social media. New and old collectors started to show interest in my work and the new loft studio, which led to sales and commissions. Although I've not quite yet arrived in the NFT world.



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