

# Art Speak



Let's Talk about this  
and learn about the artist.

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## *Artist Statement*

*I am compelled by the geometric structure of the man-made environment. Using non-traditional painting techniques and combining a mechanical painting language of hard edges, flat graphic shapes, vibrant colors and a high gloss surface with a physically assertive tactile surface, I attempt to create images which evoke the dissonance of contemporary American life.*

*My current body of work is based on interior spaces that I have lived in or frequented. The spaces are nondescript, unremarkable locations of everyday life; bathrooms, kitchens, subways, bars. I am drawn to specificity of these places, their unique details, the fragments that I remember. Through the conflation of these elements- the specific and the generic-I hope to create paintings which seem at once familiar and foreign, paintings which carry with them the spirit of a lost memory or of a recurring dream.*

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