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## Sylvain Boulthiette, artist



Sylvain Boulthiette's paintings are the result of a subtle manipulating of naked emotion. Like an alchemist, this 32-year-old artist and musician combines the raw elements of pigment and canvas with emotional intensity and a symbolism drawn from the primal forces of nature. His fish, crows, and rabbits are totems, calling up the spirits and essence of the natural world that we so badly abuse. Using seemingly random compositional elements to create an effect that is both spontaneous and unexpected, his works maintain an exquisite balance that hovers on the edge of dissolution. Most recently, Boulthiette

exhibited in Rediscovering Paradise at the Saidye Bronfman Gallery, and his music and stage design can be seen in dancer Tammy Forsythe's show in July. He is currently working on a show that will include his paintings, sculptures, music with Bliss, and dance projects. His paintings are in the collections of Charles Parent and US corporations.

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