

Dan Munkus

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States of Becoming

States of Becoming is an exploration of figures, forms, and thoughts in various states of transition. Caught midstream, none of the figures represented in these paintings are meant to be considered as fully formed or fully realized. Rather, each is seen in a fleeting moment of vulnerability, caught in the act of change.

This collection of paintings is the third grouping of works I've completed since resuming my painting practice almost two years ago. My initial paintings explored the meeting place between landscape and memory, and hallucinatory glimpses into parallel worlds. Those earlier themes are still present, but this is the first time figures are foregrounded in any meaningful way. In these paintings, you might see a dancer mid-movement, a thought emerging and gathering strength, or a person moving between this life and the next.

Bio

Dan Munkus is an artist in flux. After having devoted his working life to making a career in music, a health scare in late 2023 prompted a serious and ongoing bout of self reflection. The result of that reflection has been a return for Munkus to his initial artistic love of visual mark making. The son of an engineer and an accountant, his work is almost always a struggle between their sensibilities and expectations as people of precision and practicality and his own desire for spiritual and creative freedom. Dan holds a BFA in Fine Arts from the University of California Berkeley, an MFA in Performance and Interactive Media Arts from Brooklyn College, and is currently enrolled at Teachers College, Columbia University in the Studio Practice for Art Educators M.A. Program. He makes work out of Peekskill, NY where he lives with his beautiful wife and two daughters.

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