Roger W. Hsia
Roget8000

Sculptor of Paint

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In this sculptural painting series, Roger W. Hsia transforms acrylic into folded, twisted, and dripped forms that defy the flatness of canvas, creating tactile explorations of contrast, movement, and material play.

Each work engages in a dialogue of color, texture, and dimensionality, transforming the canvas into a site of experimentation and play. Ranging from monochromatic minimalism to vibrant explosions of color and gesture, the series reflects themes of transformation, entropy, and control. Hsia's manipulation of paint blurs the boundary between object and image, inviting the viewer to experience the unexpected beauty of material tension and abstraction.

Media Coverage

“Creating art has been a salvation for me, especially more recently and continues to be invaluable for keeping me in the present moment and reminding me tomorrow is not promised.”

About the Artist

Roger W. Hsia, known artistically as Roget8000 is a contemporary artist who expands the language of painting into sculptural and conceptual dimensions. His practice explores the structural limits of paint as both medium and object, creating vibrant assemblages that straddle the line between canvas and relief. Liminality, transformation, and human potential are recurring themes in Hsia's work, drawing influence from Surrealism, Abstract Expressionism, and Absurdism.

Originally from Scarsdale, New York, Hsia's creative journey has been anything but linear. He studied art at Parsons School of Design, the University of Michigan, and later at The Art Students League, before embarking on a two-decade career as an attorney and legal recruiter. In 2022, he returned fully to artmaking, establishing a rigorous studio practice that quickly earned regional acclaim. Hsia's work has been exhibited at leading galleries including Sorokin Gallery (Greenwich, CT), and has appeared in television commercials and series.

Guided by what he calls a "running dialogue" between medium and maker, each of Hsia's pieces emerges organically: an intuitive ebb and flow of mark-making, texture, and form. His use of acrylics, found objects, collage, and assemblage results in tactile works that shift moods with light and contemplation.

Roger W. Hsia lives and works in New York City.

Portofino

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Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions: 40 x 30 inches
Year: 2022
Price: $5,900

IInspired by the coastal beauty and cinematic legacy of the Italian Riviera, Portofino pays homage to the iconic village immortalized in La Dolce Vita. Roger W. Hsia explores the raw, physical allure of life's indulgences—blood and wine, simplicity and luxury—through sculptural folds and bold acrylic gestures. The interplay of deep crimson against pure white abstracts the lush romance and hedonistic elegance of the film's narrative, while the textured manipulation of paint offers a modern reinterpretation of timeless Mediterranean beauty.

June Bloom

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Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions: 40 x 30 inches
Year: 2022
Price: $5,900

June Bloom is a vibrant reimagining of Andy Warhol's iconic flower lithographs, transformed through Roger W. Hsia's signature bold, sculptural approach. Part of The Bloom Series, this work amplifies the Pop Art master's flattened forms into dynamic, three-dimensional blossoms that drip and curl off the canvas. The playful tension between flatness and texture invites viewers to reconsider the boundaries between painting and sculpture, homage and reinvention.

Souvenirs or Unintended Consequences

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Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions: 40 x 30 inches
Year: 2024
Price: $5,900

A layered reflection on the emotional residues left by past relationships, Souvenirs or Unintended Consequences captures the complex mix of mourning, disappointment, gratitude, and transformation that follows the end of romantic, platonic, and personal connections. Roger W. Hsia created this piece while processing his own recent breakup and reflecting on friendships and relationships that faded over time. The sculptural folds and stark monochrome palette symbolize the fragments we carry forward—whether a simple turn of phrase, a new perspective, or hard-won wisdom. These collected "souvenirs" are at once burdens and gifts, reminders of the beauty and pain of human connection.

Gone With The Wind

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Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions: 40 x 30 inches
Year: 2021
Price: $5,900

Gone With The Wind serves as an abstract memento mori, meditating on the paradox of life's beauty and its inevitable transience. Through fluid acrylic forms and a sense of impermanence in the composition, Roger W. Hsia reflects on the idea that life's fleeting nature is what gives it meaning. The work stands as a personal reminder to remain present and embrace the temporary, ever-changing moments that define human experience.

Five Petals Left

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Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions: 40 x 30 inches
Year: 2023
Price: $5,900

Part of The White Album series, Five Petals Left explores the sculptural potential of white paint as an extension of the canvas. Inspired by the forms of classical Greco-Roman marble statuary and architecture, the textured surfaces shift with changing light, evoking both permanence and impermanence. The title references not only our shared mortality and the fleeting beauty of life, but also pays subtle homage to Nick Drake's album Five Leaves Left. It stands as a visual prayer to value each precious day.

Ace!

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Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions: 30 x 30 inches
Year: 2024
Price: $4,500

A celebration of tennis as personal evolution, Ace! captures Roger W. Hsia's lifelong connection to the sport. Once viewed through the lens of competition and winning, tennis has come to represent for the artist a journey of personal growth, community, and pure enjoyment. The bold green of the court and playful sculptural folds reflect both the structure and spontaneity of the game, while the purple background introduces an unexpected vibrancy that speaks to change, perspective, and the joy of play.

Someplace Only We Know

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Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions: 40 x 30 inches
Year: 2024
Price: $5,900

Someplace Only We Know envisions the interior life as a lush, abstract garden—one that flourishes with consistent care, attention, and even a touch of humor. Roger W. Hsia layers vibrant splashes of color and sculptural forms to symbolize the rewards of nurturing oneself with love and regular nourishment, both physical and emotional. The playful inclusion of elements like bacon hints at the artist's belief that joy and indulgence are also essential to personal growth and beauty.

Rare Breed

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Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions: 40 x 30 inches
Year: 2025
Price: $5,900

Rare Breed is a playful tribute to pop culture and the joy of imagination. Inspired by the cult classic Napoleon Dynamite, where the protagonist famously sketches a fantastical "Liger" (half lion, half tiger), Roger W. Hsia introduces his own mythical hybrid—the "Flyfish," a whimsical cross between a fish and a butterfly. The layered textures and bold, unexpected color palette evoke the surreal, offbeat spirit of the film while celebrating the freedom of creative expression.

Desert Rose

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Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions: 48 x 36 inches
Year: 2025
Price: $7,900

Desert Rose embodies the resilience of hope and faith, flourishing even in the most barren of environments. Roger W. Hsia visually references the cult film Bagdad Cafe, set in the Mojave Desert, which portrays the transformative power of human connection. In this work, the "Desert Rose" arrives at a desolate roadside café, burdened by personal tragedy yet bringing unexpected life and beauty to a place of last chances. The layered textures and expressive color palette speak to the limitless possibility of each new day and the quiet miracle of perseverance.

Reactive Rumination

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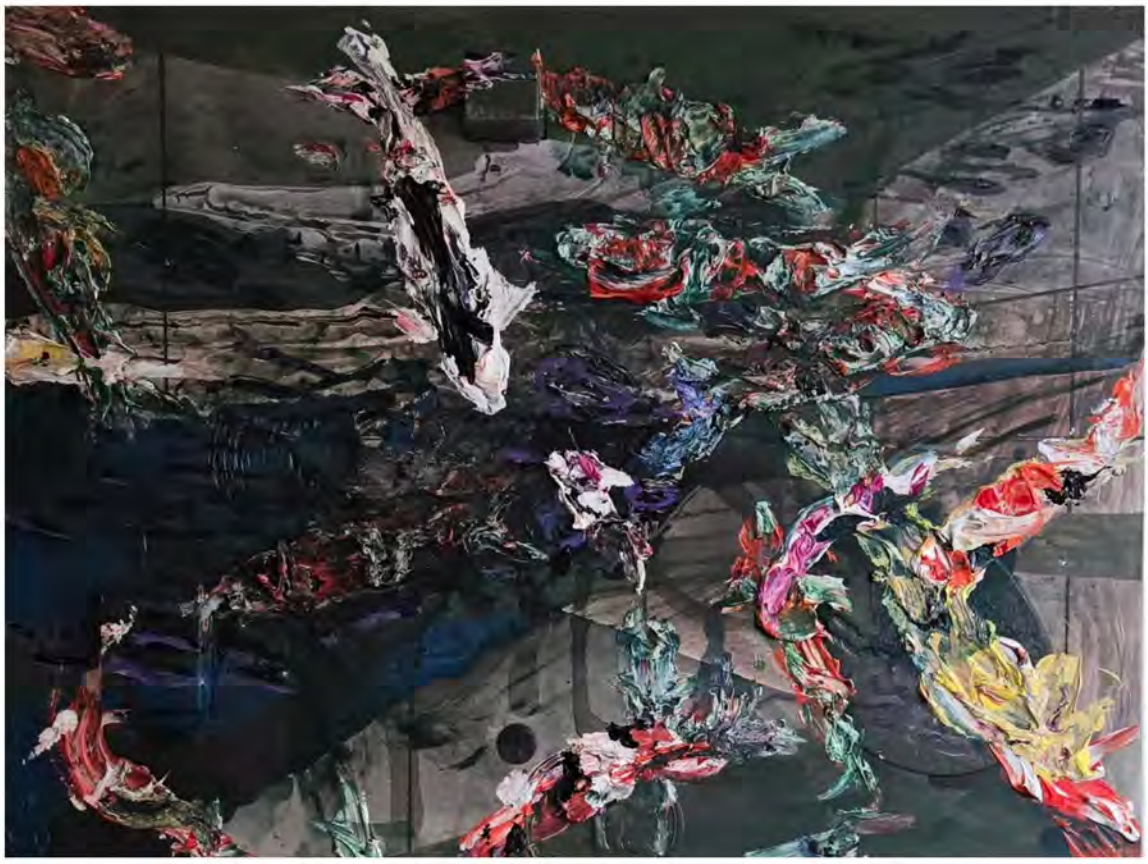
Reactive Rumination
Acrylic and mixed media on canvas
Dimensions: 36 x 48 inches
Year: 2025
Price: $7,900



In Reactive Rumination, Roger W. Hsia explores the swirling chaos of thoughts and emotions within the mind. The koi fish, rendered through dynamic strokes and layered textures, symbolize feelings and ideas drifting unpredictably through the depths of consciousness—sometimes surfacing, sometimes disappearing into the unknown. The work serves as a personal meditation on mindfulness and presence, with the artist's reminder to himself: I am the water, not the fish.

At the River with Mom in Shanghai

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Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions: 40 x 30 inches
Year: 2025
Price: $5,900

At the River with Mom in Shanghai captures a deeply personal and intimate memory of a day spent by the water with the artist's mother in 2023. The tactile layers and vibrant colors evoke the simple beauty of sharing oranges and quiet conversation, surrounded by the calming flow of the river. The piece stands as a heartfelt tribute to the enduring bond between parent and child and a hopeful reflection on many more such cherished moments to come.

Beyond Words

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Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions: 40 x 30 inches
Year: 2025
Price: $5,900

Beyond Words explores the rich complexities of nonverbal communication—a world of gestures, shared experiences, and silent understanding. Roger W. Hsia reflects on moments where words fall short, from the intuitive collaboration of a jazz trio, to the unspoken trust of riding together on a motorcycle, to the quiet symbolism of a single flower offered as a gesture of reconciliation. Through layered textures and abstract forms, the work captures both the challenges and the opportunities inherent in connecting without language.

A Band Apart

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Year: 2025
Price: $5,900

A Band Apart is a celebration of chosen family and the communities we intentionally build around us. Roger W. Hsia draws inspiration from classic films like Stand By Me, The Magnificent Seven, and The Hangover, blending their themes of camaraderie, adventure, and loyalty. The title also nods to Quentin Tarantino's early film production company and to the indie rock band Band of Horses, a personal favorite of the artist. Through swirling textures and layered abstraction, the piece honors the idea that everyone deserves to be part of a "band" that supports and shapes them.

Change of Karma

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Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions: 40 x 30 inches
Year: 2024
Price: $5,900

Change of Karma embodies the transformative belief that people can radically shift their lives at any moment. Roger W. Hsia expresses this idea through sculptural forms and reflective metallic textures, symbolizing the profound shift that can occur when a person encounters the same situation, person, or pattern for the ten thousand and first time—and sees it in a completely new light. The piece is a meditation on growth, awareness, and the power of perspective to change one's destiny.

Love Dragon

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Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions: 40 x 30 inches
Year: 2023
Price: $5,900

Love Dragon captures the untamed, mythological nature of love and lust—forces that can sweep us away in breathtaking beauty or pull us into turbulent chaos. Roger W. Hsia uses vivid golds and sculptural folds to symbolize these emotional creatures, suggesting that love's intensity, like a dragon's flight, is both awe-inspiring and unpredictable. The piece invites viewers to reflect on the exhilaration and risk inherent in giving oneself over to passion.

Bushwick Gallery

Bushwick Gallery is a contemporary art space located in Brooklyn's vibrant Bushwick neighborhood. The gallery champions innovative and diverse artistic expression, offering a personalized, appointment-only experience that allows visitors to deeply engage with thought-provoking works.

Situated in an area known for its cutting-edge artistic vibe, Bushwick Gallery features a wide array of exhibitions showcasing both renowned and emerging artists from around the globe. The gallery's program includes various media such as paintings, sculptures, and installations, each exhibition designed to inspire and challenge perceptions.

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