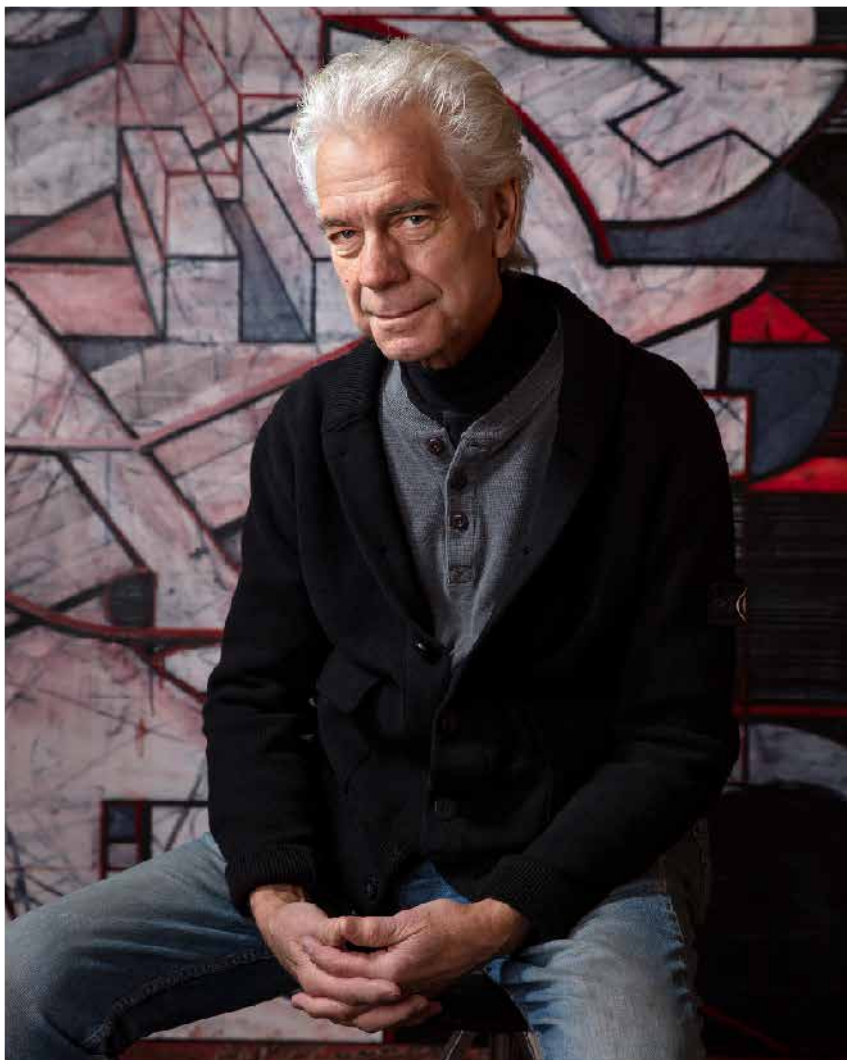


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“The Growth Habit” is a dendrological term. (dendrology: the scientific study of trees) The growth habit of a tree determines how it is going to grow: the angles at which the branches will grow, the radius of the curves of the branches, the shapes of the spaces between the branches etc. The growth habit then, determines how the tree will actually “design” itself and come to look the way it does. When we look at an oak tree, for instance, we recognize it as an oak tree because of its growth habit. We can say “This is an oak tree. It can be no other.” I invented a growth habit of my own with which to develop shapes and designs for painting. My growth habit tells me, “I can use only these angles. My lines will curve only like so” This gives the shapes a family resemblance even though they may be very different. I look at the shapes between the lines, combine them and change them again and again, forming designs and compositions until the painting is “right”. Because of the growth habit of the painting we can say, “This painting is a Vian. It can be no other.”

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Isometric Box Turtle, 2022

Polyurethane and oil on canvas

48 x 60 inches

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Tell 'Em Earl Lied, 2022

Polyurethane and oil on canvas

72 x 60 inches

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Explaining Norway to a Dog, 2022

Polyurethane and oil on canvas

10 x 12 inches

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Sex Machine, 2022

Polyurethane and oil on wood and
masonite

15 x 13 1/2 x 6 inches

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Horseshoes and Socks, 2022
Polyurethane and oil on canvas
24 x 19 inches

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Fear of Shoes: Phase II, 2022

Polyurethane and oil on wood and
masonite

15 x 13 1/2 x 6 inches

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Nugatory High Horsery, 2022

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masonite

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Dogs Breakfast, 2021

Oil on Canvas

36 x 48 inches

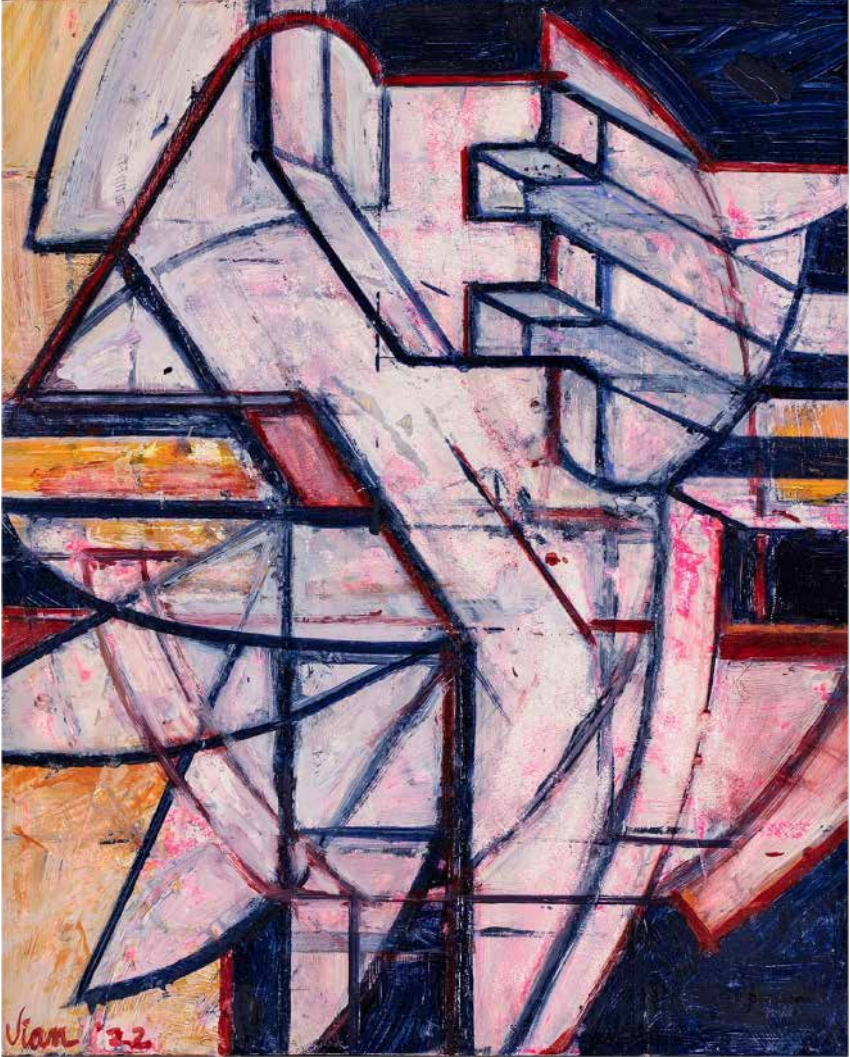
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Grand Battement, 2022

Polyurethane and oil on canvas

12 x 10 inches

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Accordions in Hell, 2021

Polyurethane and oil on canvas

10 x 12 inches

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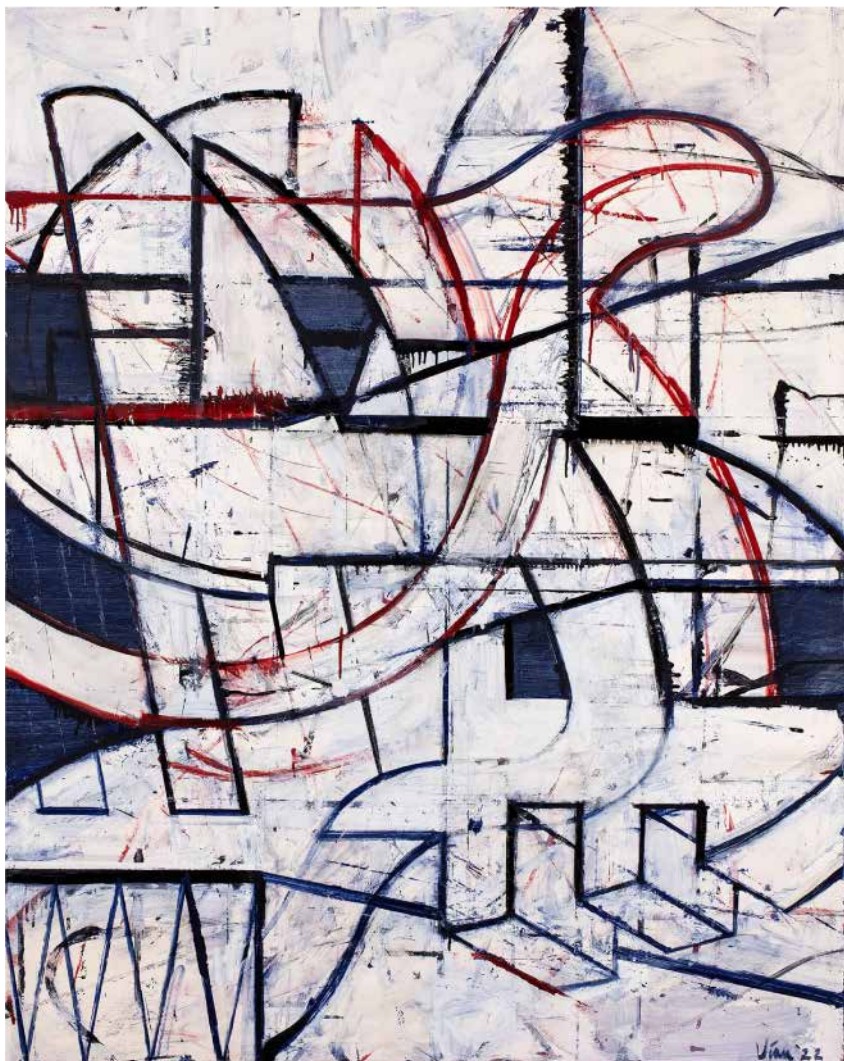
Blond and Bowlegged, 2022

Polyurethane and oil on canvas

10 x 12 inches

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Aztecs Inventing the Vacation, 2022

Oil on canvas

60 x 48 inches

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Shoes for Industry, 2021

Polyurethane and oil on canvas

24 x 24 inches

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One Armed Dwarf Milking a Short Cow 2, 2021

Oil on canvas
60 x 48 inches

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The Horse You Rode On, 2022

Polyurethane and oil on canvas

48 x 60 inches

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Chickens In Bondage II, 2021

Oil on canvas

48 x 60 inches

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Like Trying to Explain Wagner to a Dead Horse, 2022

Polyurethane and oil on canvas

18 x 24 inches



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