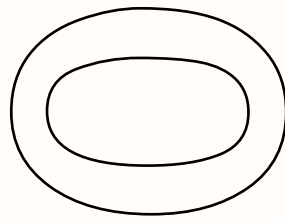


The background is an abstract composition. A vertical line, possibly a fold or a seam, runs down the center. To the left of this line, there are dark, textured blue and teal washes. To the right, there are lighter, more fluid washes of pale blue and pinkish-red. The overall effect is that of a layered, watercolor-like texture.

JOHANNA  
KESTILÄ



“I am interested in choices, mistakes and continuity. My way of working is slow and jagged, the work grows slowly through many coincidences I just try to stay alert. For me, the process itself is the most interesting thing.”



# JOHANNA KESTILÄ

*Johanna Kestilä's art transgress the boundaries of Finnish art: she assembles' pieces of canvas into artwork which fuses painting and fiberart. She benefits many several elements of visual art in her work of arts.*

*Her art assemblies are signs of her bodily and tactile vitality, setting her drives in lines, rhythms, colours, and forms. Her kind of artistic creation is an adventure between body and signs which bear evidence of affections without symbolic significations in social discourses. Her art speaks in poetic form language to be interpreted in cultural intertextually. her assemblies are composed of tender baby-pink arches, deep blues ponds, raging black zigzag lines, fuzzy grey stains and spots, swinging red writings of time tables.*

*I have known her for two years as a colleague in our shared art workshop and gallery. I adore her openness and loving acceptance as a radiant person. She creates an inspiring environment for our artist community. Conversations about art, creative work, and life easily flow with her and nurture the own work of artist colleagues. Johanna Kestilä is a founding member and chairman of the Rio11 association and has successfully handled as a curator in Studio+Gallery Rio11 in Helsinki.*

*Vuokko Takala-Schreib, DrA, Professor Emerita, Researcher of Visual Culture*

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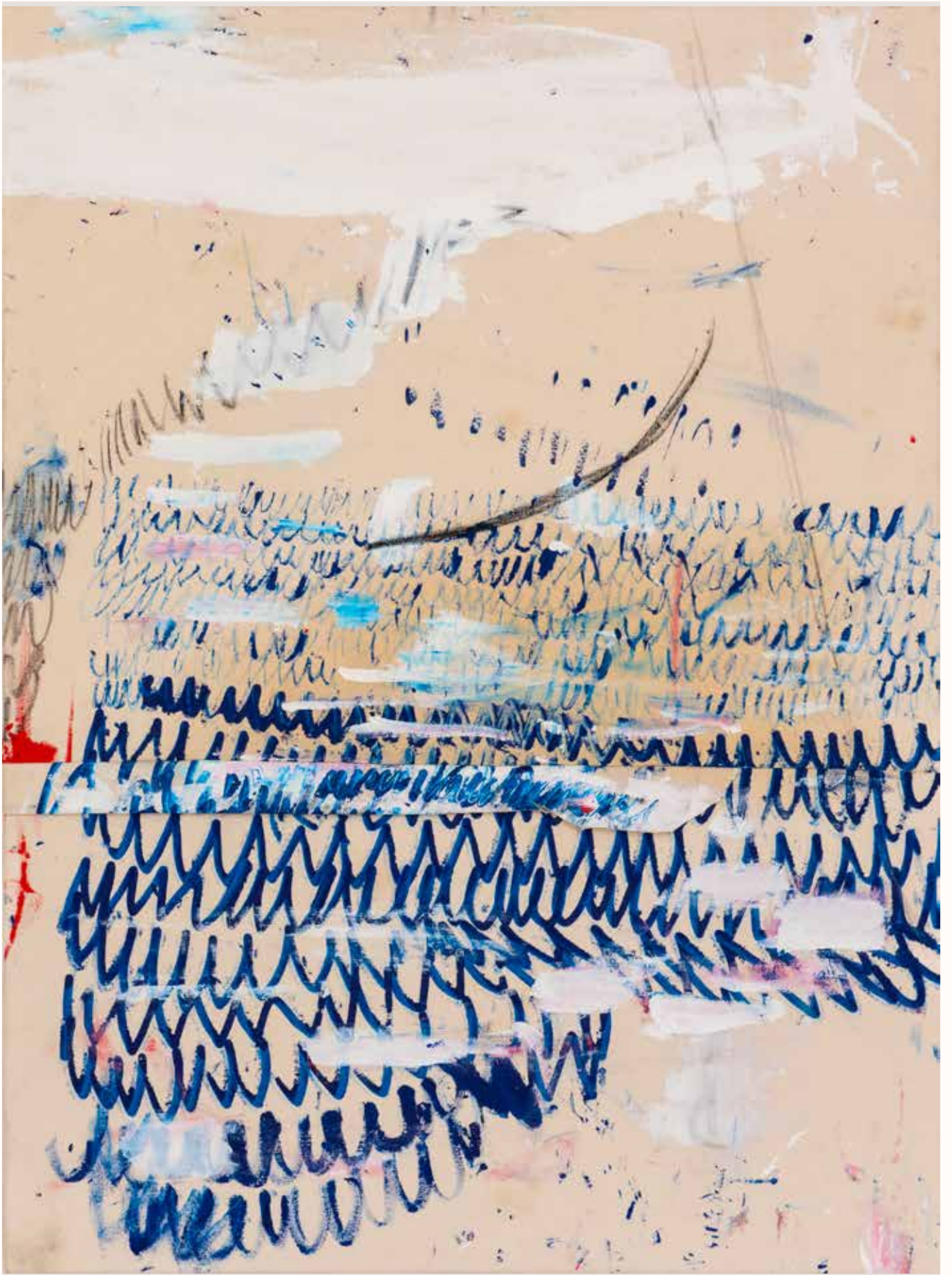
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**Those moments**

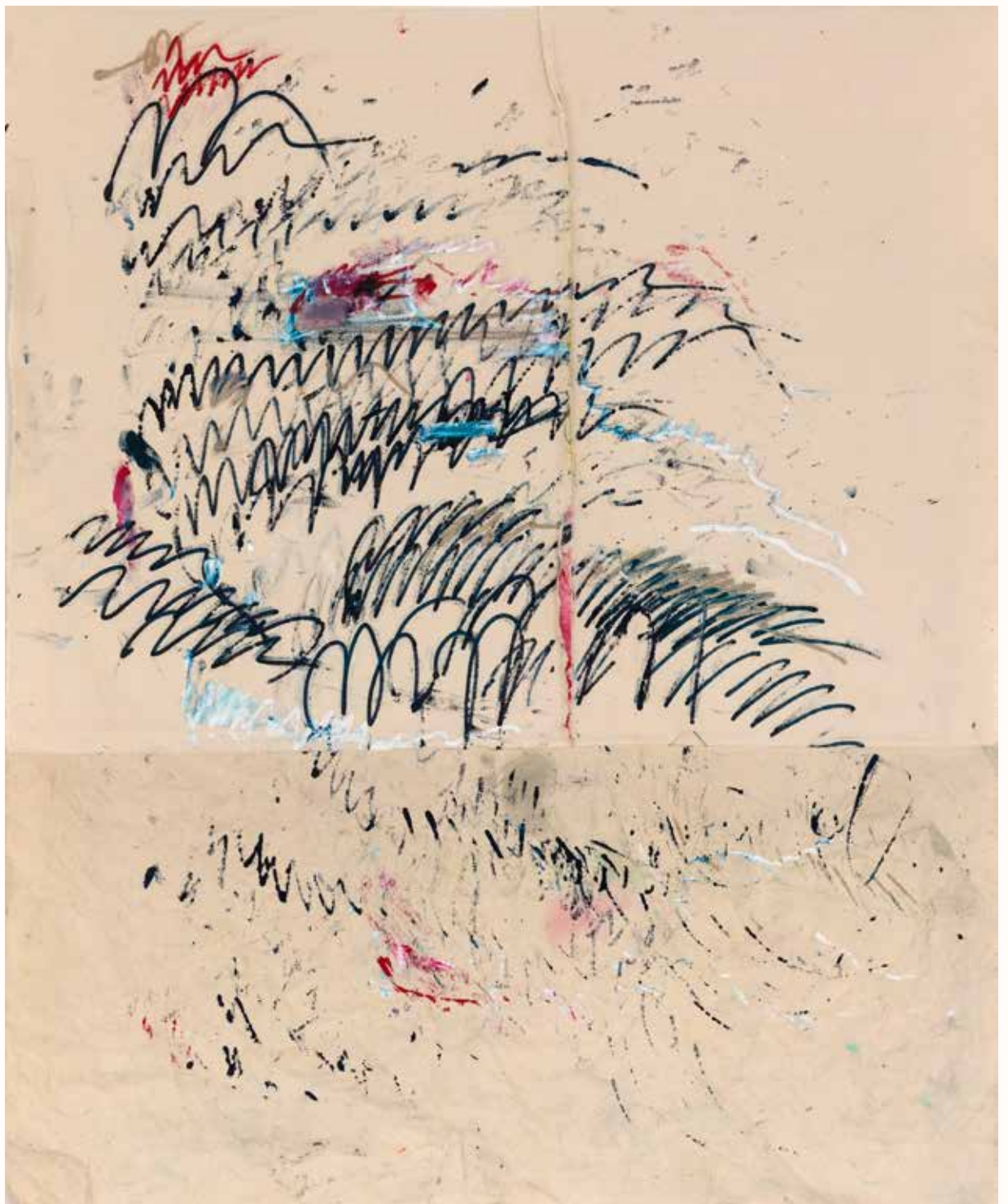
2019, 120 cm x 90 cm

acrylic, crayon, ink and sesamoil on canvas









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**In that**

2022, 127 x 102 cm  
acrylic on canvas

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**Täydellisen rajaton**  
2021, 95 x 95 cm  
acrylic on canvas

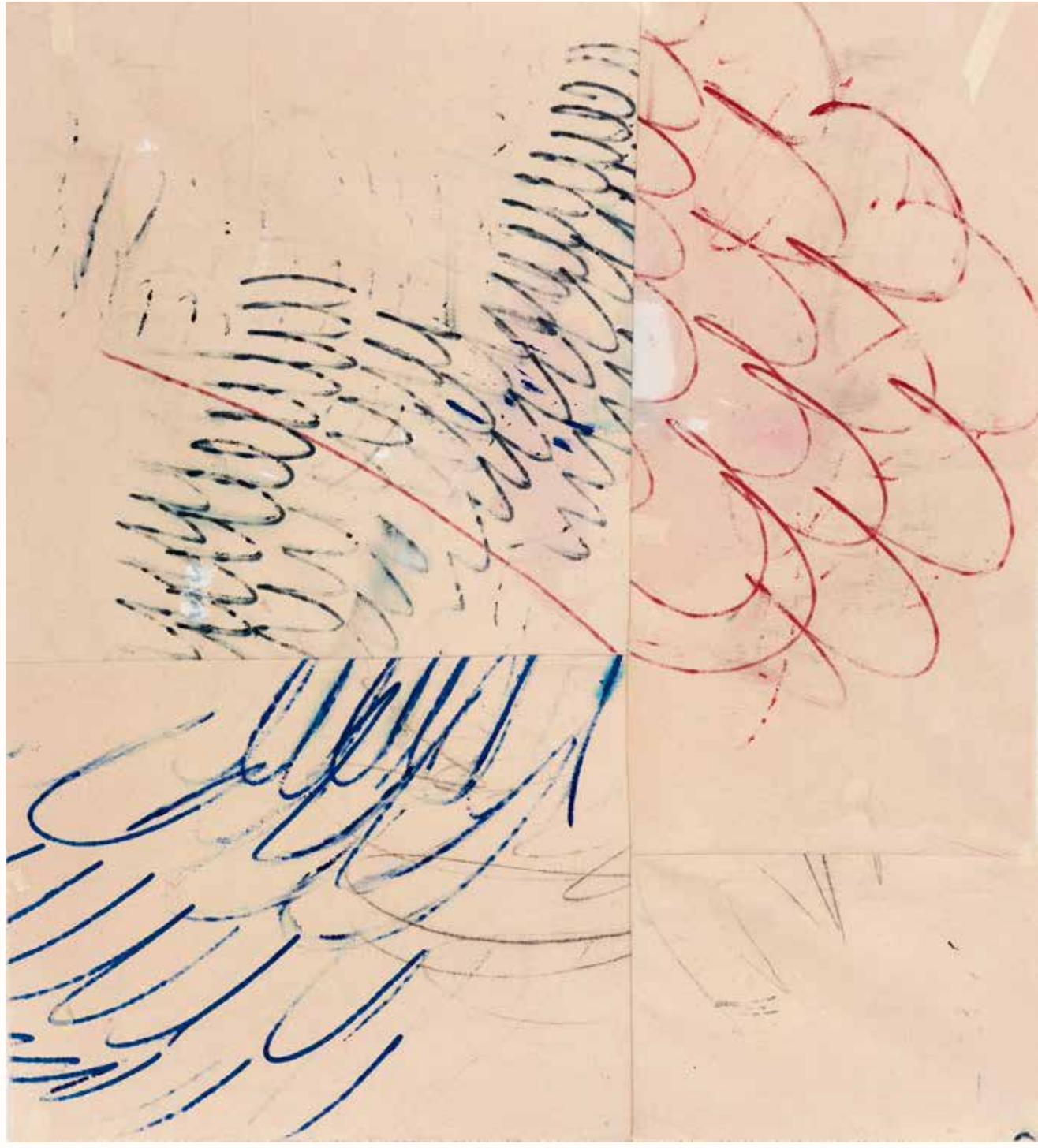
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play  
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“My paintings tell and show how emotions and emotional experiences present themselves for me in a visual form. The work speaks about a conversation that was not spoken. Only the raw truth is interesting at this age”

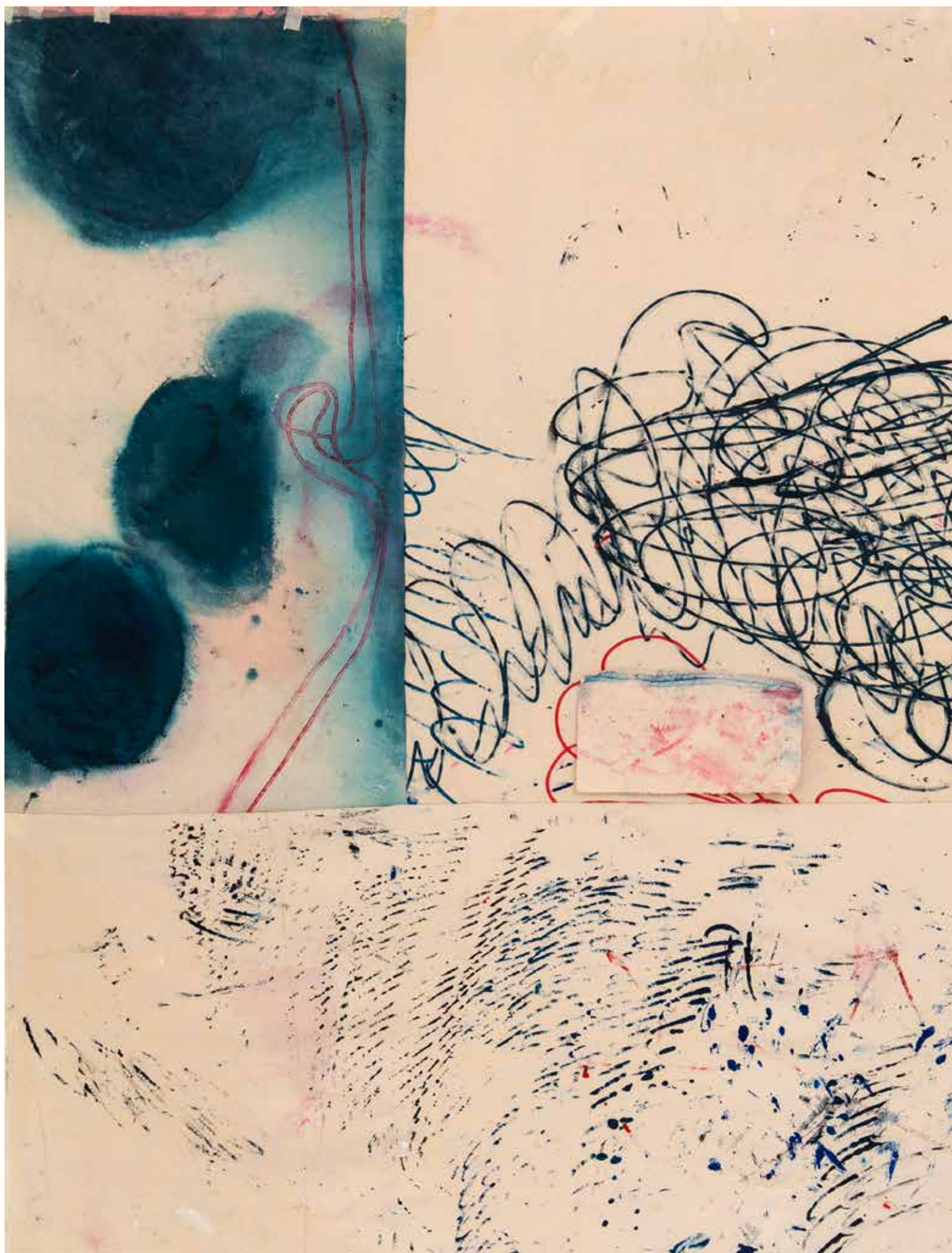
**It was just**

2022, 97 x 87 cm

Acrylic and pencil on canvas

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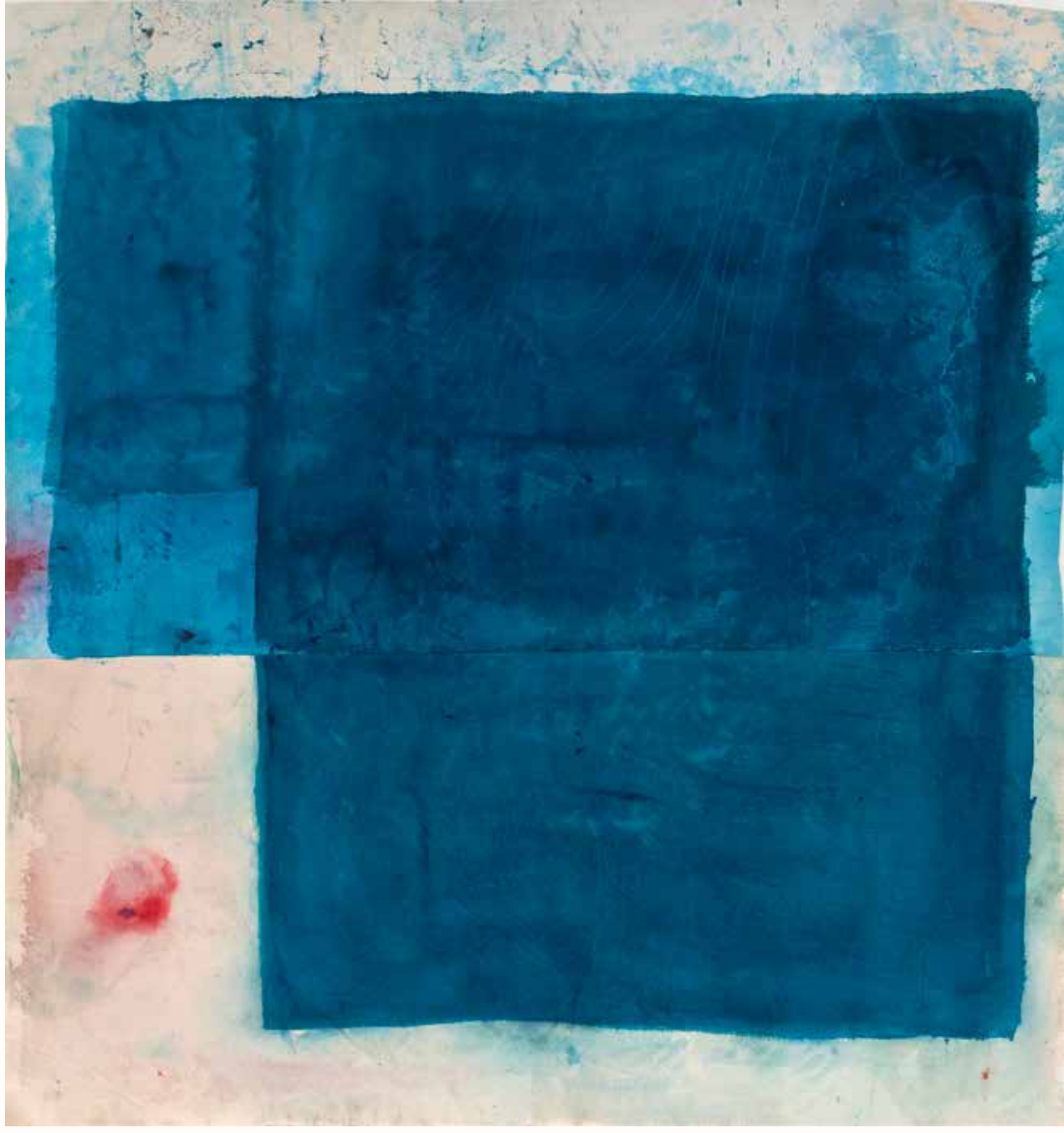
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**You and my nerve**  
2022, 160 x 127 cm  
Acrylic on canvas

business

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**Naked conservation**  
2021, 120 x 113 cm  
Acrylic on canvas







meaning

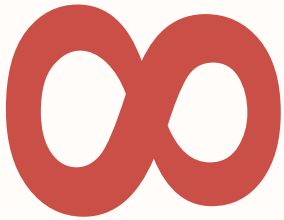
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## Unfinished love letter

2022, 127 x 102 cm

Acrylic and pencil on canvas



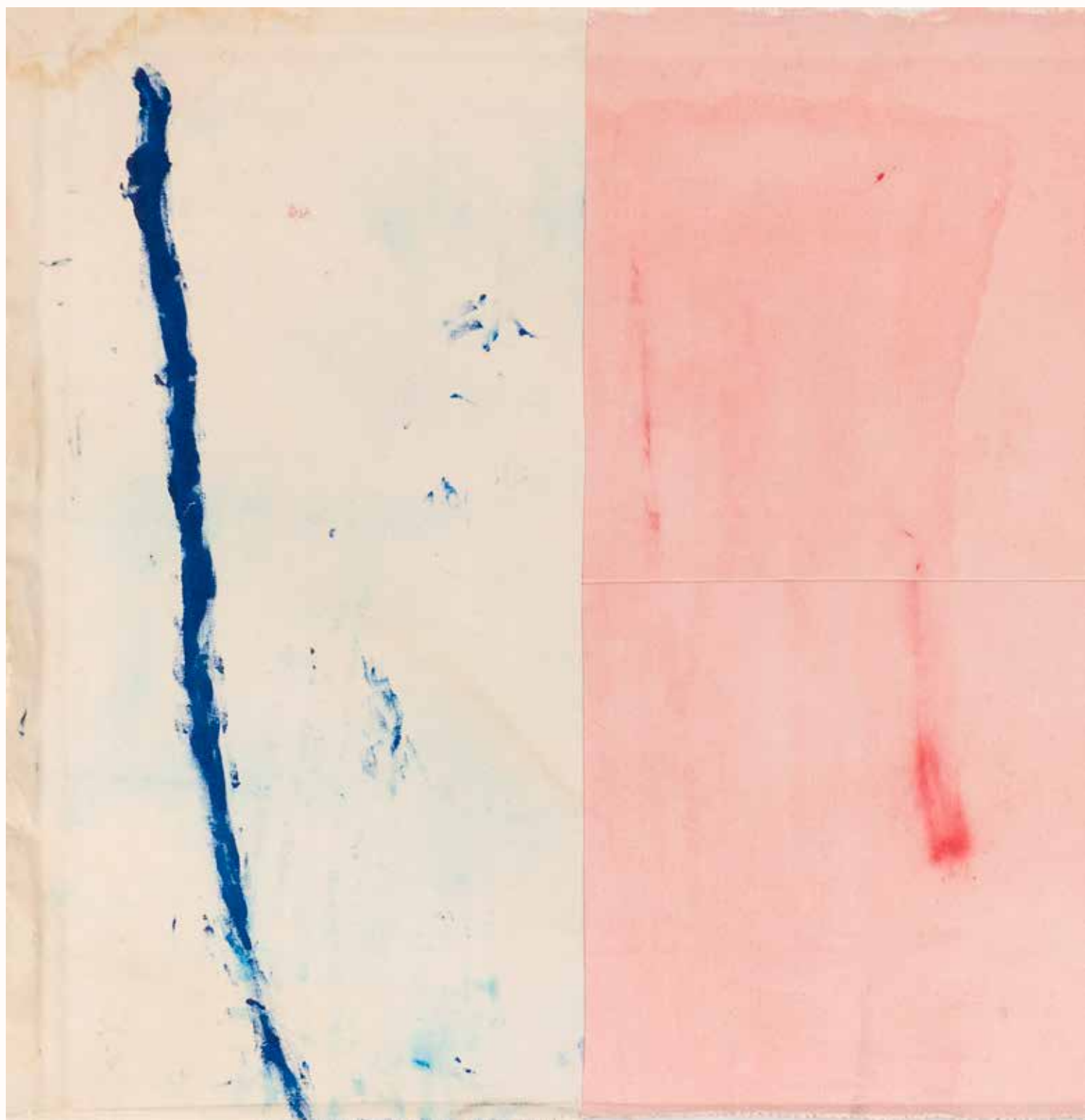
**Completely unpredictable**  
2022, 93 x 80 cm  
Acrylic and marker pen

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limited temporal space  
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**Deleted part**  
2022, 80 x 104 cm  
Acrylic on canvas

# 10

**Love marks**  
2022, 96 x 80cm  
Acrylic on canvas

## LOVE











**Third round**  
2021, 88 x 88 cm  
acrylic and pen on canvas

“ As a firstborn daughter of an artist, I have been a part of my mother’s creative life as long as I’ve been living. From breastfeeding till this day, writing this piece, I’ve stood and watched her become the woman, and most importantly the artist she is to-day. I’d be lying if it was an easy road, but beautiful for sure. Messy at times, but even then in the most captivating way possible.”

Lotta Hukkanen



# 12

**Lievittävä laskos**

2022, 110 x 100cm

mixed media

material/  
material/  
material/  
material/

color

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**1 and 2**

2022, 90 x 90cm

acrylic on canvas







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