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Artist Statement

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Failure is a continual and necessary part of the growth process everyone is faced with at some point in their lives. Failing, or falling from your goal, can be a humbling and difficult reality to accept. Using ideas of balance and symmetry, these artworks investigate this seeming contradiction that encompasses the growth process. By blending abstracted natural external forms and internal human elements, the imagery connects humanity with nature in unexpected passages of color and shape. As one in nature, they interact with and even blend into one another seeking support and wholeness. I energetically and playfully compile these elements with various levels of success to balance upward movement. Imagery is repeatedly built upon or removed from the surface, analogous to building upon successes and letting go of our failures. These metaphorical compilations are a documentation and reflection on the everyday struggle to grow spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually.