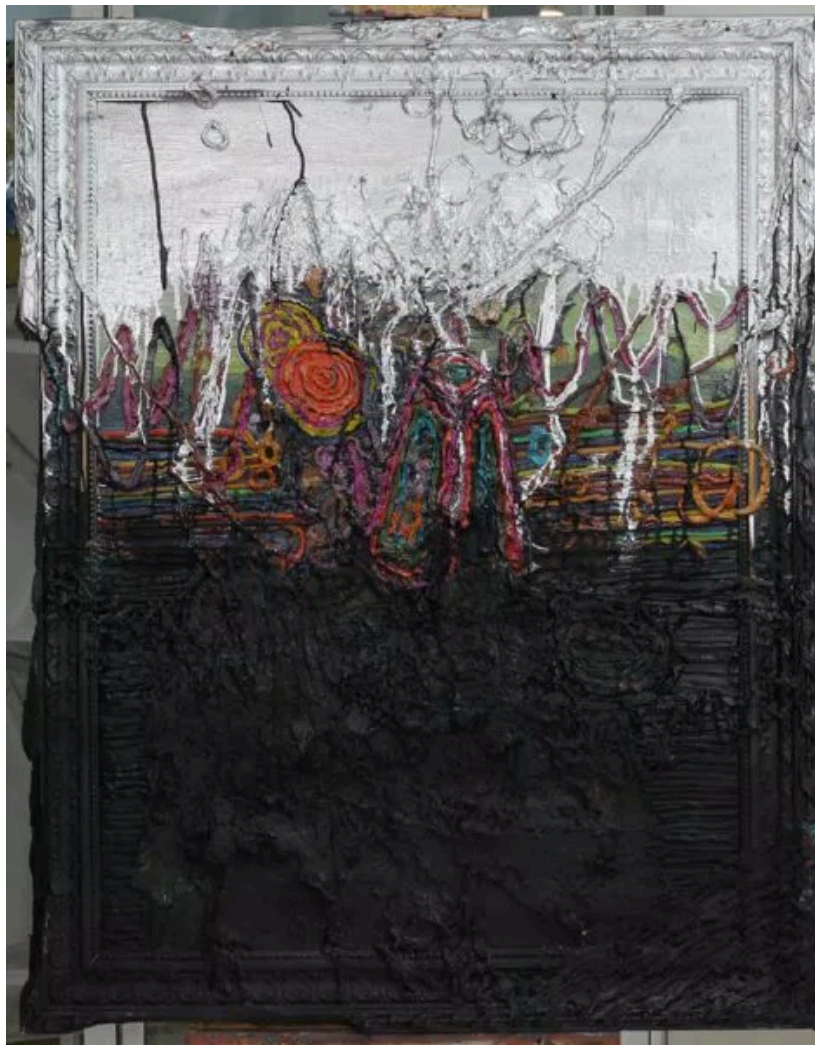


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Jigger Cruz, *Untitled*, 2015. (Photo: Courtesy Albertz Benda)

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Opening: “Jigger Cruz: Smudging Dirty Little Touch ” at Albertz Benda

Our initial viewing of the abstract paintings of Jigger Cruz in the booth of the Berlin art gallery Arndt at the Volta Art Fair last spring left us wanting for more—and now we are finally getting it. The Filipino artist’s first solo show in New York presents several new, thickly painted, expressionistic canvases that are displayed in ornate frames. What makes them even more compelling is the way Mr. Cruz sometimes gouges the surfaces with scissors and sprays them with bright colored lines while chipping away at the frame with a saw to make paintings that look as though they have barely survived a natural disaster or war.

Albertz Benda, 515 West 26 Street, New York, 6-8 p.m.

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