

JAMES DRINKWATER



SAND DRAWINGS AND OTHER TROPES

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GALLERY

27 JULY TO 13 AUGUST 2022

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May this message find you
Across the chop and spray of the sea
Under rudders and on the backs of old fish
In the wake of a ships bow

And let it land somewhere in the sand
Where images leave from your tiny hand
The contours of your imagination
For one day you will also leave

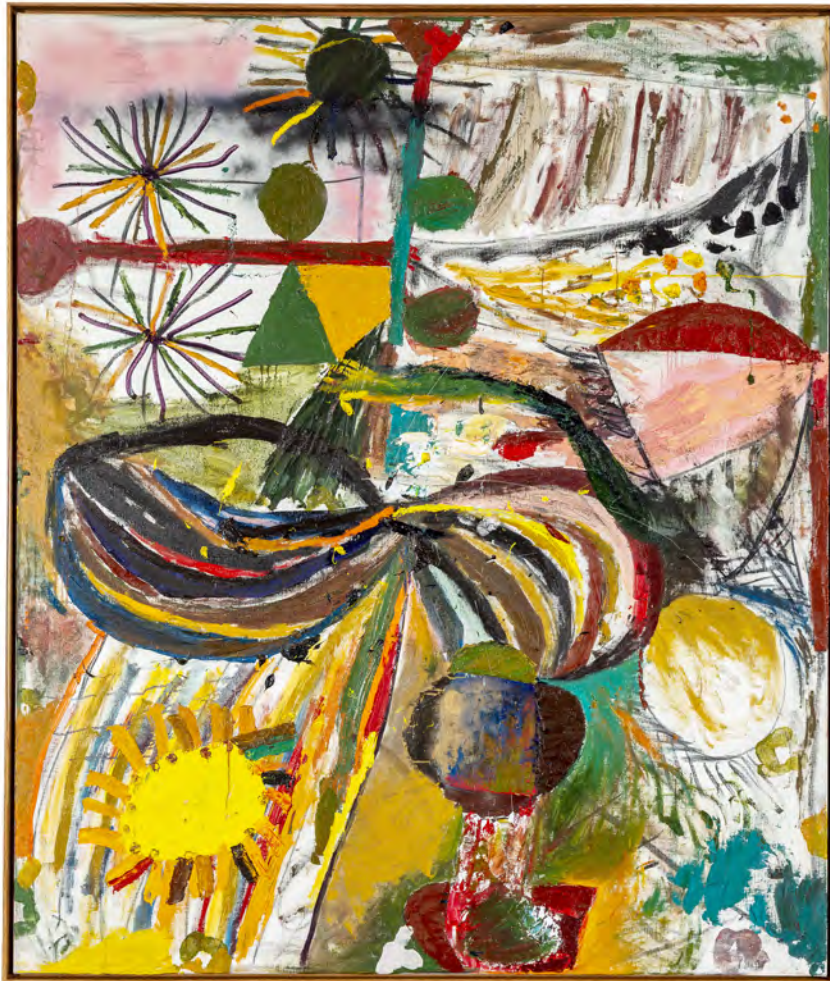
Now currents are here to broom the shore
And so do our drawings vanish
Starfish in our brains
Little boats across our plates



“When I talk about the ‘other tropes’ in the exhibitions title I’m partly talking of continuing the tradition of French artists namely Picasso drawing in the sand as not only a romantic notion and as a way to activate the imagination of kids, but also in a restless sense of always finding a way to keep working, to keep the mind and hand active. My life is given it’s value by my proximity to the sea, so yes at the risk of being Post Ironic I too make drawings in the sand when I’m down at the beach with my family. Anyway I’ve shared some videos of site specific things I made and documented whilst traveling because it occurred to me that Pablo drawing in the sand at Antibes isn’t really that different to someone like me stacking televisions in the street years later in Berlin. I’m certainly not comparing myself to Picasso, I wouldn’t be so stupid but what I am doing is making a correlation in terms of practice, process and an unwillingness to stop working. I hope you like them...”

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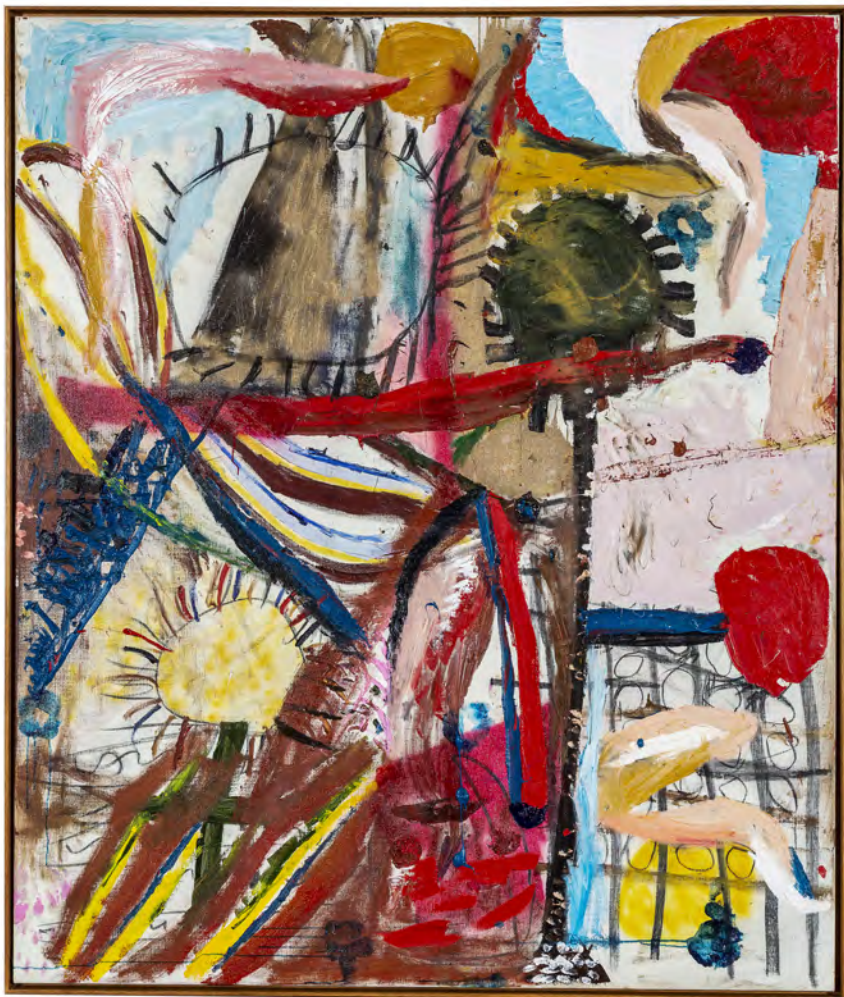
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Sand drawings and other tropes 1

2022

oil on canvas

198 x 168 cm



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Sand drawings and other tropes 2

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oil on canvas

198 x 168 cm



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Sand drawings and other tropes 3

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Sand drawings and other tropes 4

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168 x 198 cm

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oil on canvas

168 x 198 cm



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I am making a smashing star

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oil on canvas

122 x 138 cm

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I only see your insides

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oil on canvas

122 x 138 cm



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Lottie by Vinnie by James

2022

oil on board

110 x 97 cm



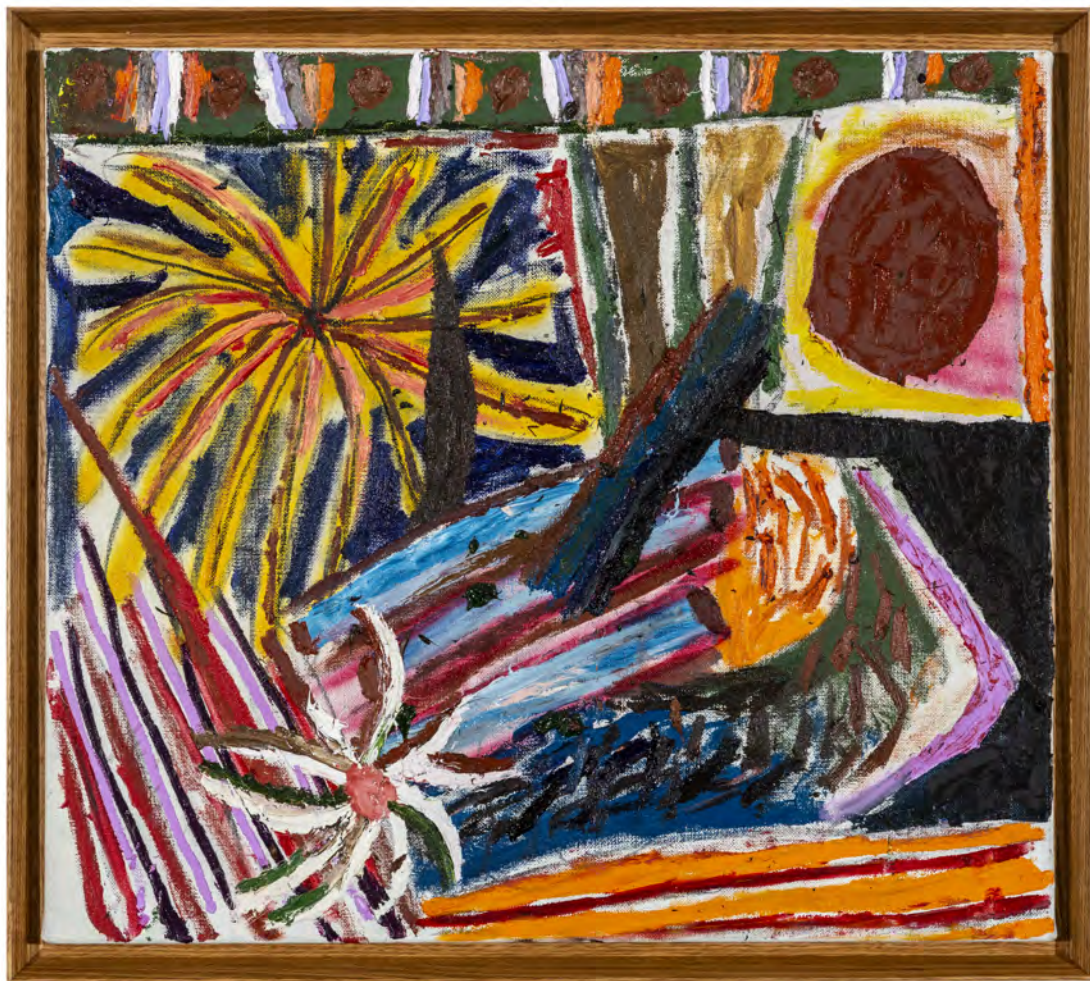
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oil on board with umbrella

102 x 99 cm



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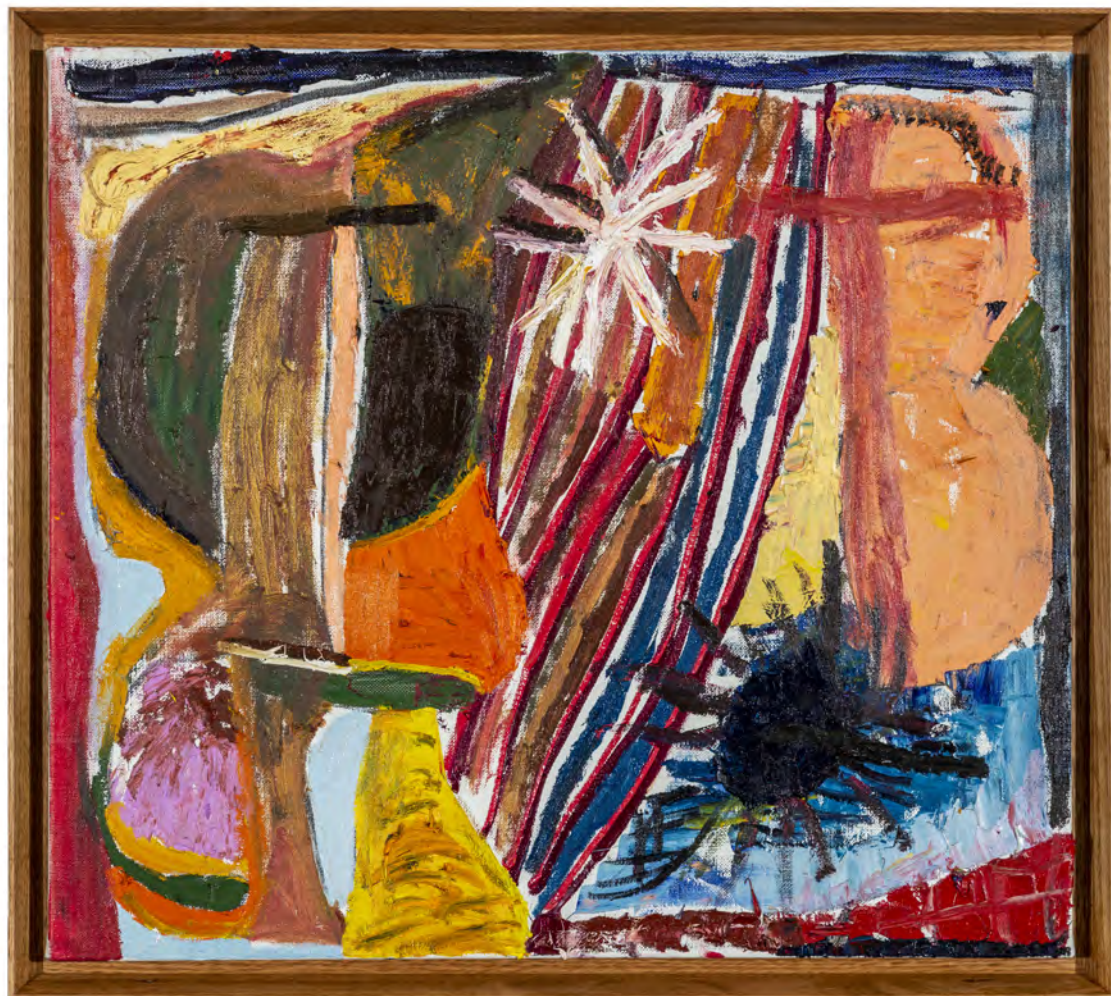
Dobell's garden 1

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oil on canvas

81 x 92 cm

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Dobell's garden 2

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Dobell's garden 3

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oil on canvas

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Dobell's garden 4

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Dobell's garden 6

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Dobell's garden 7

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oil on canvas

81 x 92 cm



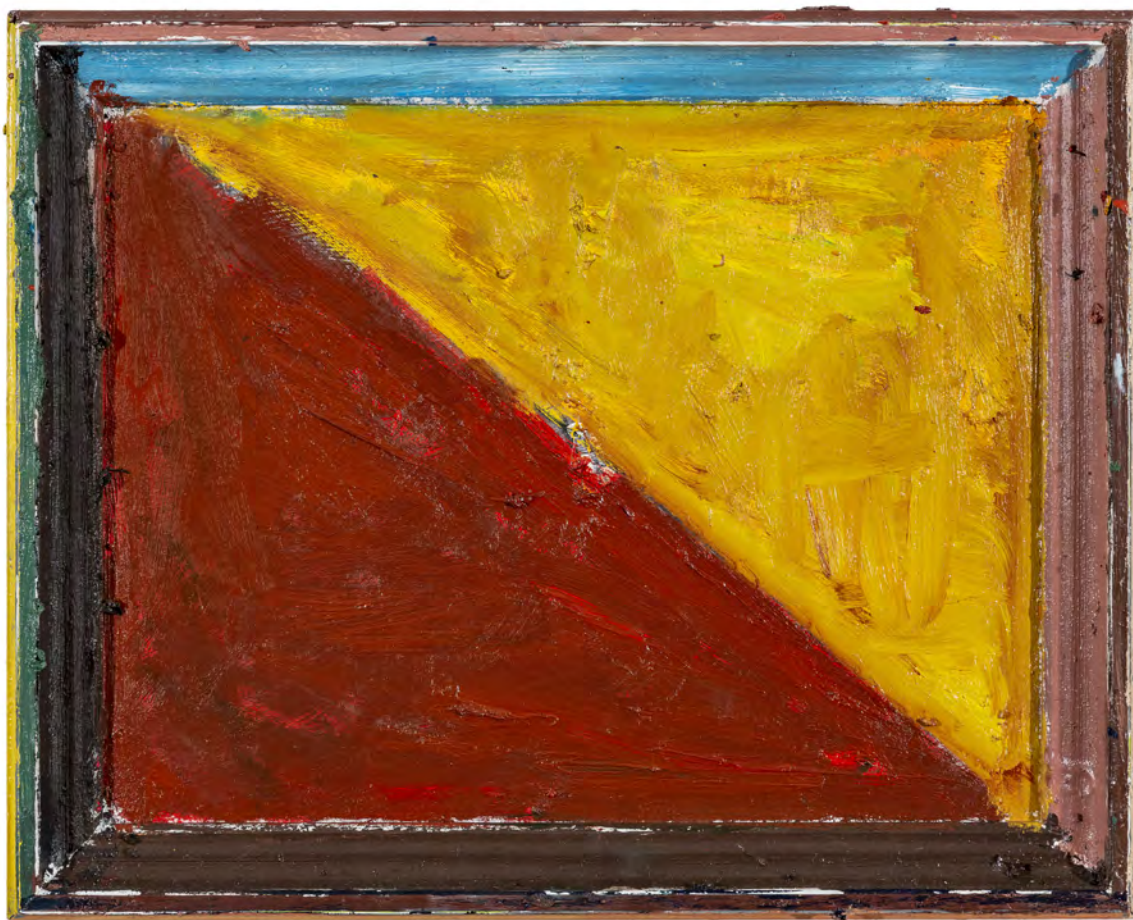
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Sleep in perfection

2022

oil on board

35 x 121 cm



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And I shall send you all my love

2021

oil on board with painted frame

44 x 55 cm



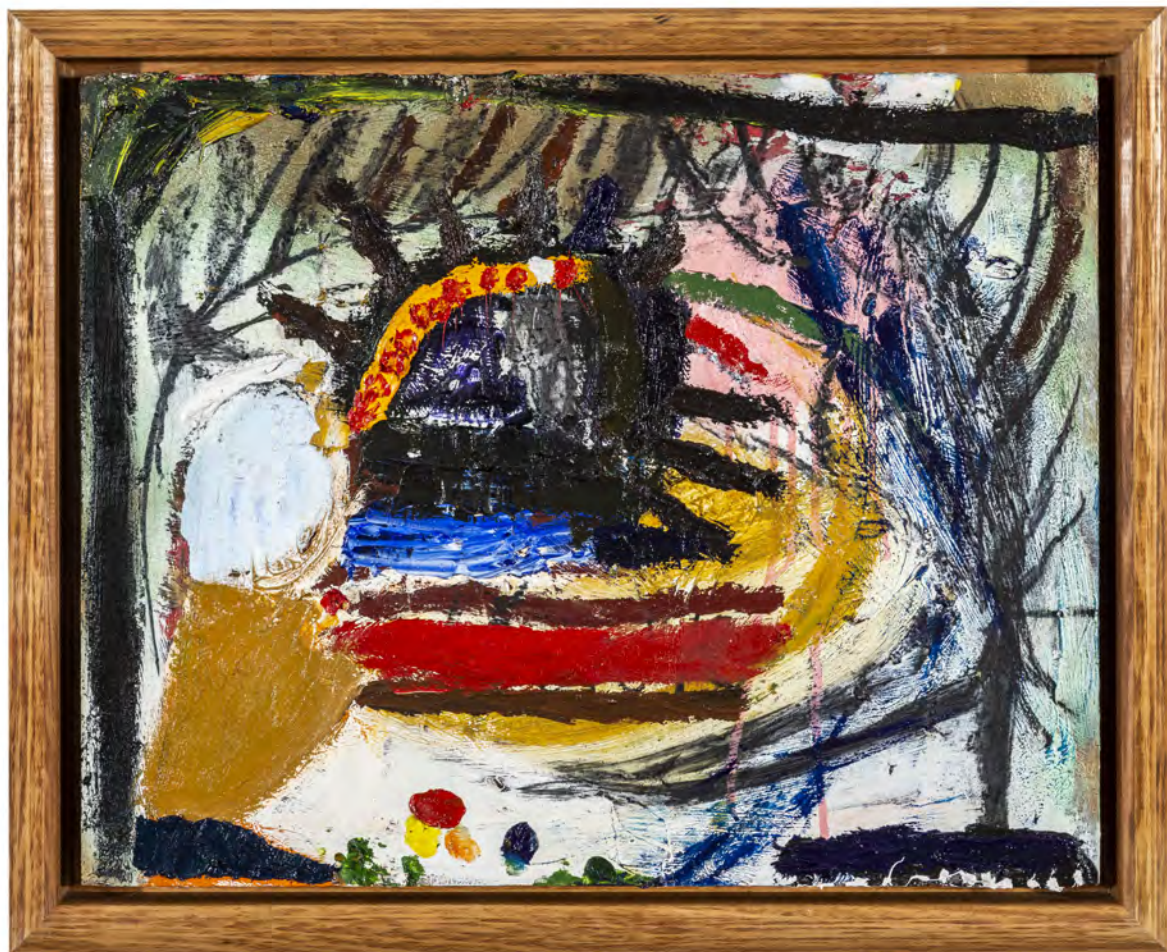
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'Retseh'

2022

oil on board

42 x 52 cm



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'Einniv'

2022

oil on board

42 x 52 cm



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The boy cried storm (reprise)

2022

oil on board

25 x 36 cm

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2022

screen print, edition of 25

94.5 x 61.5 cm

