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# 5 Artists to Follow if You Like Cy Twombly

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In this monthly series, Artsy's Curatorial team features a group of five emerging and noteworthy artists who are working in a similar style or spirit as a well-known or established artist. This month, we focus on Cy Twombly, the late American painter best known for his large-scale abstract paintings filled with energetic and gestural marks and scribbles.

## Brian Rattiner

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B. 1982, Brooklyn. Lives and works in Brooklyn.



**Brian Rattiner**

*Milia*, 2019

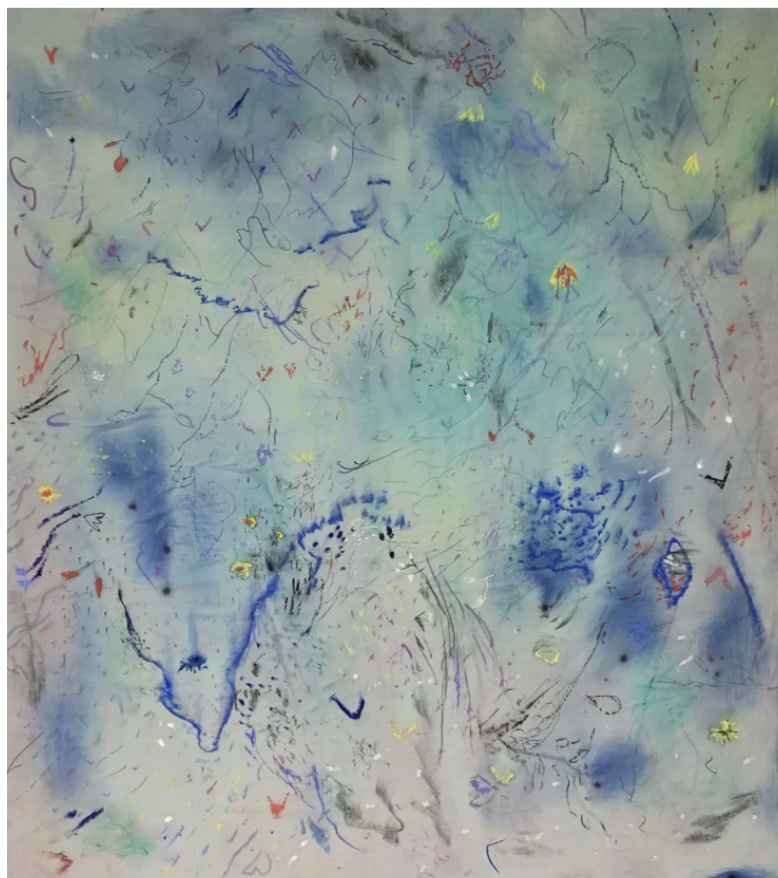
Carvalho Park

Brian Rattiner creates abstract paintings that depict the memories and sensations of a place. To free himself from concepts and preconceived ideas, Rattiner drips paint onto the canvas to determine the composition of a painting. He then works quickly, often completing a work in a single sitting. The finished works are gestural landscapes that convey the visceral experience of a place, rather than describing its likeness.

The son of an art teacher, Rattiner grew up with an emphasis on creativity. He pursued a degree in illustration with a focus in painting at the Rhode Island School of Design, where he graduated with his BFA in 2004.



**Brian Rattiner**  
*Glass Work I, 2020*  
Carvalho Park



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*Teal Sky, 2020*  
Carvalho Park

Rattiner's work has been shown in gallery spaces internationally, most recently in a two-person exhibition with Carvalho Park that opened this September, titled "I Heard a Wild Flower." For the exhibition, Rattiner showed a recent body of work inspired by Skopelos Island in Greece, where he completed an artist residency in 2019, as well his recent travels to the Catskills in upstate New York.