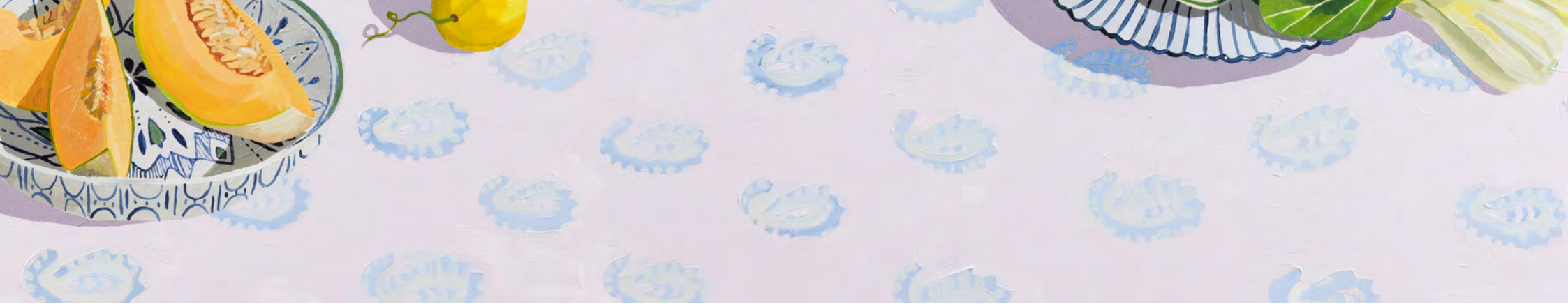


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As an artist, Bethany Saab is an exception to the general order of things. She is someone who's built a broad following and achieved great critical success without so much as a day of formal training. She now reaps the fruits of this tireless, independent work. Her still life paintings of fine white china, summery floral blooms and bright fruits are enthusiastically collected and frequently in demand.

Saab's latest venture is **Still Life, Blue Sky**, now on show at Michael Reid Southern Highlands. Not one to corner herself into a safe creative pattern, the artist introduces two exciting new elements to her repertoire: acrylic collage and trompe l'oeil.

We find, for the first time, painted hands in various poses and false frames that are natively set in amongst her assortment of objects. If one already felt they were taking an implied 'seat' at her painted tables, these new works jump outwards from the canvas deliberately and boldly.

Bethany Saab is an artist that succeeds in both small and large scale. Take note of the grandeur of *Childs Love* and, less than a quarter of its size, the small charm of *Turnips II*. Both capitalise on the space they are given and both stand as equals in Saab's creative imaginary.

(next page) Bethany Saab  
*Child's Love* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
90 x 120 cm  
\$3,900







Bethany Saab  
*Cut fruit, somewhere warm* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
76 x76 cm  
\$2,200





Bethany Saab  
*Still life with panes (citrus segments)* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
76 x76 cm  
\$2,200





Bethany Saab  
*White flowers with melting snow* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
76 x76 cm  
\$2,200





Bethany Saab  
*Gesture II (with cabbage)* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
76 x76 cm  
\$2,200





Bethany Saab  
*Onions and orchids* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
70 x 70 cm  
\$2,100





Bethany Saab  
*Beans at the front* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
60 x 50 cm  
\$1,700





Bethany Saab  
*Beans at the back* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
60 x 50 cm  
\$1,700





Bethany Saab  
*Still life, blue sky* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
50 x 50 cm  
\$1,450





Bethany Saab  
*Nasturtiums, Day* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
50 x 50 cm  
\$1,450





Bethany Saab  
*Nasturtiums, Night* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
50 x 50 cm  
\$1,450





Bethany Saab  
*Hoping* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
50 x 50 cm  
\$1,450





Bethany Saab  
*Fragments* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
50 x 50 cm  
\$1,450





Bethany Saab  
*Asparagus hit* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
50 x 50 cm  
\$1,450





Bethany Saab  
*Hat II* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
50 x 50 cm  
\$1,450





Bethany Saab  
*Gesture I (pointing)* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
50 x 50 cm  
\$1,450





Bethany Saab  
Savoy 2022  
acrylic on cradled board (unframed)  
20.5 x 20.5 cm  
\$490





Bethany Saab  
*Turnips III* 2022  
acrylic on cradled board (unframed)  
20.5 x 20.5 cm  
\$490





Bethany Saab  
*Turnips II* 2022  
acrylic on cradled board (unframed)  
20.5 x 20.5 cm  
\$490





Bethany Saab  
*Turnips I* 2022  
acrylic on cradled board (unframed)  
20.5 x 20.5 cm  
\$490



Bethany Saab  
*Plums I* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
40 x 40 cm  
\$1,200





Bethany Saab  
*Hat I* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
40 x 40 cm  
\$1,200



Bethany Saab  
*Plums II* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
40 x 40 cm  
\$1,200





Bethany Saab  
*Gesture III with lemons* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
40 x 40 cm  
\$1,200





Bethany Saab  
*Blossoms and walnuts* 2022  
acrylic on canvas  
50 x 50 cm  
\$1,450





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