



Femmes in Excess

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Figure 1: “Glitter Rainbow Arch,” 4 by 5 inch acrylic painting. The painting features an orange background with a swipe of colours sitting on top. These colours are a gradient of purple, blue, yellow, and pink. In the foreground is an arching rainbow shape consisting of pink and blue chunky glitter. The thickness is visible. This piece is a painting on canvas with visible texture.

Artist Statement

The images that appear in this special issue are part of a larger body of work titled *Head In The Clouds*. This work is heavily inspired by dreamlike states and spaces. Whether it is late night dreams or daydreams, *Head In The Clouds* takes those wistful feelings and amplifies them through the lens of excess. Excess is a running theme in my practice; creating imagery that most viewers would find loud, distasteful, or tacky allows me to blur the lines of “good” and “bad” taste. Using materials that are often considered crafty, kitschy, or low brow encourages me to further play with this idea. *Head In The Clouds* embraces the idea that more is more, and my use of bold colours, glitter, and other mixed media allows me to open up snippets into my dream states.



Figure 2: “Head in the Clouds,” 3 by 5 inch acrylic painting. This painting features a metallic magenta background with 3 voluminous ovals of iridescent blue paint. In the foreground cloud shapes made of chunky pink and blue glitter sit on the surface. The thickness of the clouds is visible. This painting is on a wooden panel and has a very smooth background texture.

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