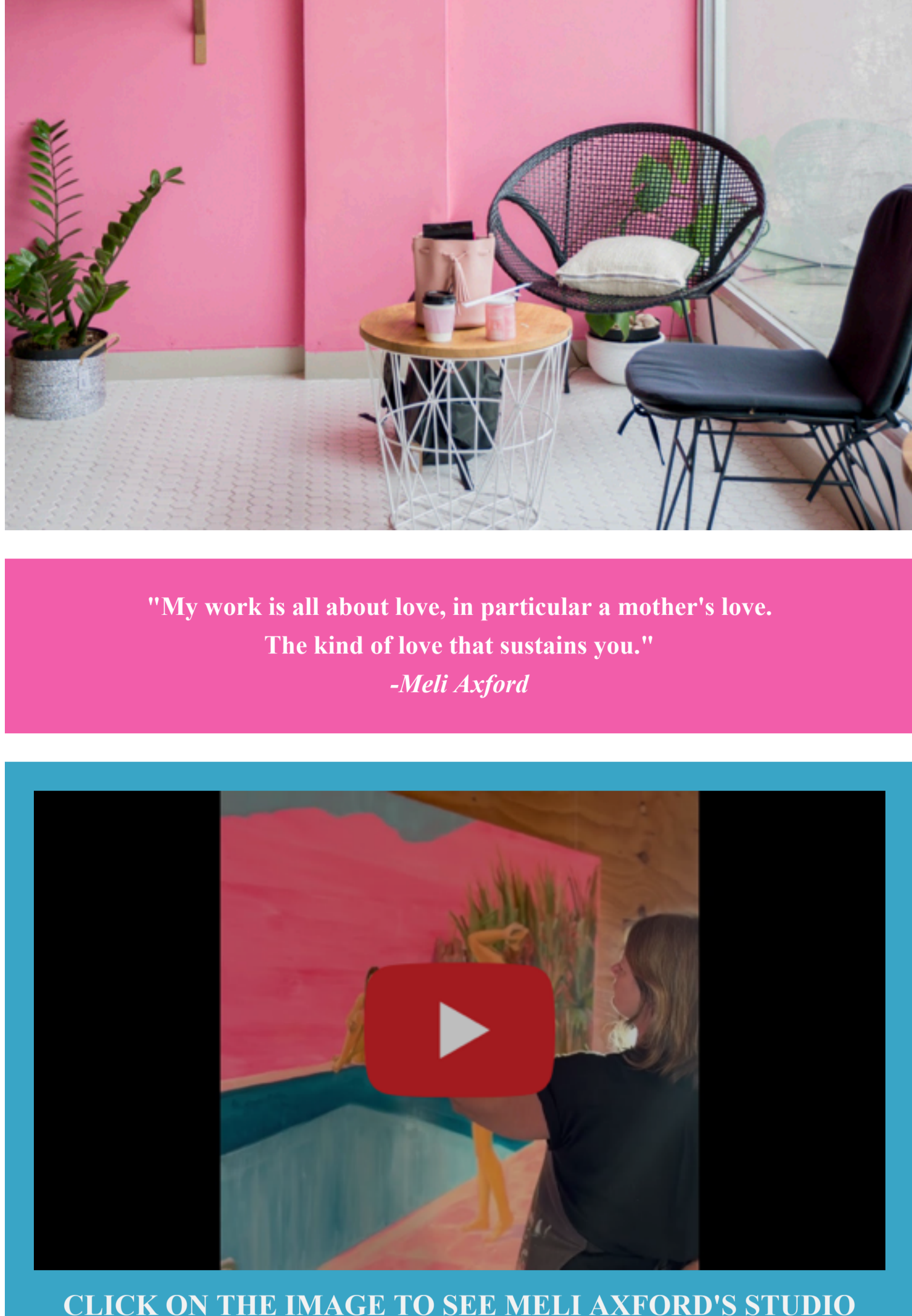


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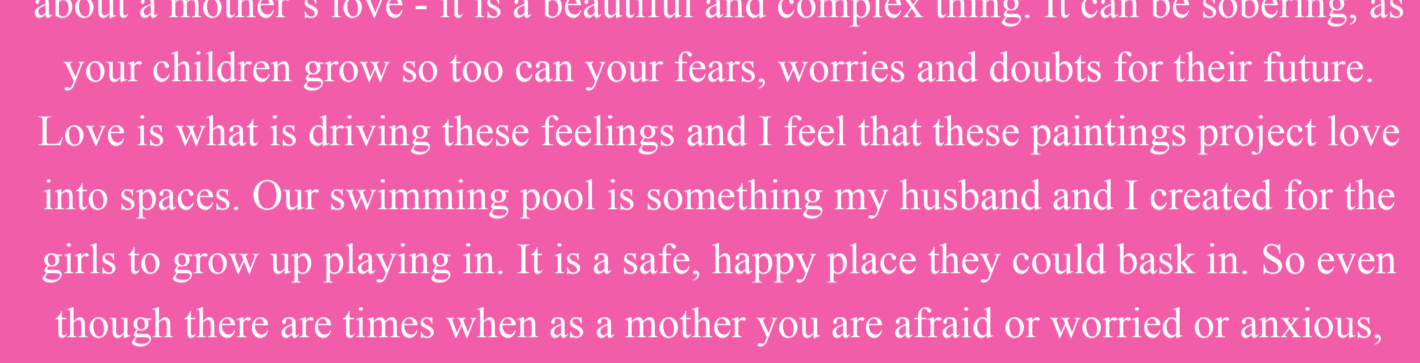
Spring Edition 2023

All About Love by Meli Axford



"My work is all about love, in particular a mother's love. The kind of love that sustains you."

-Meli Axford



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ABOUT THE POOL SERIES

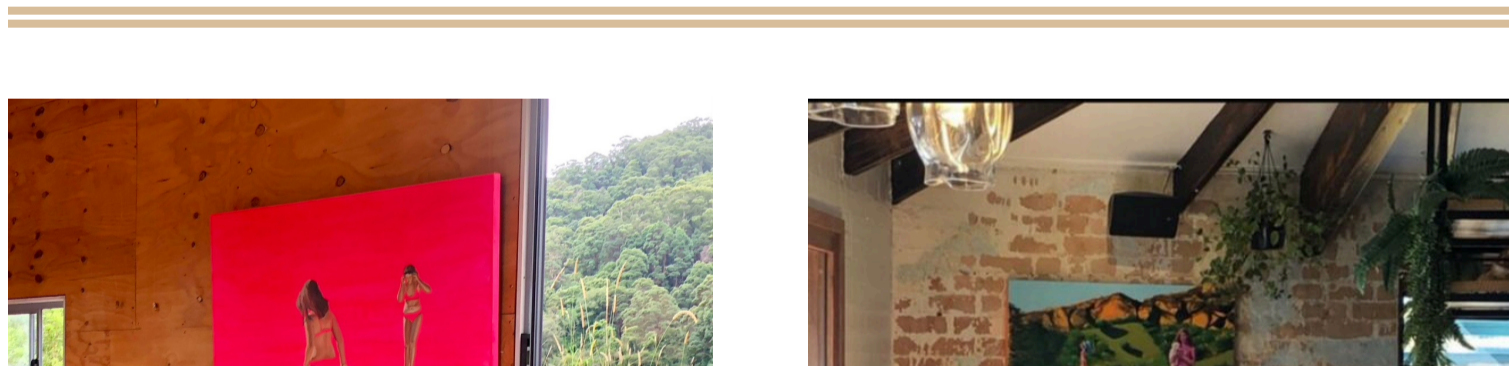
In Meli Axford's Words

"Swimming pools encourage uninterrupted togetherness for the whole family including the pets! My pool series expresses these special moments and reminds the viewer of those uncomplicated happy times in their own life. My work is about a mother's love - it is a beautiful and complex thing. It can be sobering, as your children grow so too can your fears, worries and doubts for their future. Love is what is driving these feelings and I feel that these paintings project love into spaces. Our swimming pool is something my husband and I created for the girls to grow up playing in. It is a safe, happy place they could bask in. So even though there are times when as a mother you are afraid or worried or anxious, there are also times when you are ready for what will happen, confident, strong and grateful. That is what these swimming pool paintings are about."



Above: *Joy In Repetition* (2022) shown at the Byron Art Prize finalist show at Ballina Gallery, Australia.

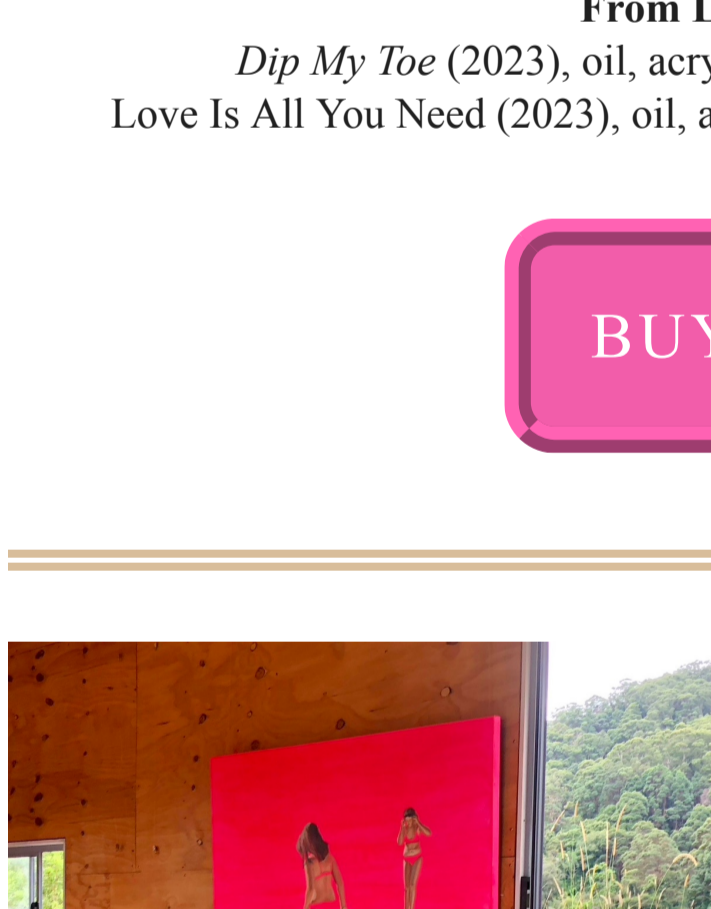
Below: *The Good Stuff* and *Girl Power* (2023) at Them Gallery, Australia.



Meli Axford is a painter who lives in Northern NSW, Australia. She was a finalist in the Sunshine Coast Art prize 2022, Wollumbin Art Award 2022 and the Bryon Art prize in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

As an artist, Meli Axford explores how her experiences as a child overlap with her experiences as a mother. "Being of Irish descent," she says, "it doesn't matter that you 'don't have much,' because what you do have is a bullet-proof sense of your mother's love." In this sense, she creates oil paintings of her family on bright acrylic primed canvases and demonstrates how powerful love—a mother's love—can be.

The science behind fluorescence fascinates Axford: she loves how fluorescence absorbs light at one wavelength and emits it at a different wavelength—changing something to make it better. As author of *Lord of the Flies*, William Golding, states, "Whatever you give a woman, she will make greater. If you give her sperm, she'll give you a baby. If you give her a house, she'll give you a home." Axford uses this concept of taking something and making it greater throughout her work. She brings the feminine perspective with her work and celebrates love by using fluorescent colours, most notably Fluorescent Pink, to represent "Fierce Femininity."



From Left to Right:

Dip My Toe (2023), oil, acrylic on cotton, 30 × 30 × 1 1/2 in.

Love Is All You Need (2023), oil, acrylic on polycotton, 47 × 59 × 1 1/2 in.

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Wednesday, May 24th

5:00pm - 8:30pm

at Serendipity Labs

80 Theodore Fremd Avenue

Rye, NY 10580

Solo Show will run from March 29 to May 31, 2023

- ART AND NETWORKING EVENT with artist Anne Vandycke at Serendipity Labs, Rye, on Wednesday May 24th, 2023 in Rye NY.
- SPRING POP-UP SHOW. InSight Artspace will join forces with Australian Designer Margo Hoiston by transforming her private home into a fabulous art collection! June 7/8/9, 2023. More info to come.

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Featuring

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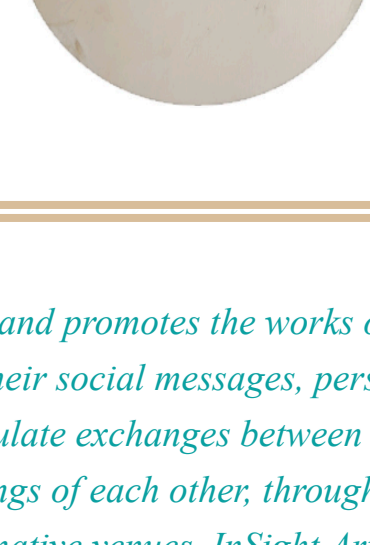
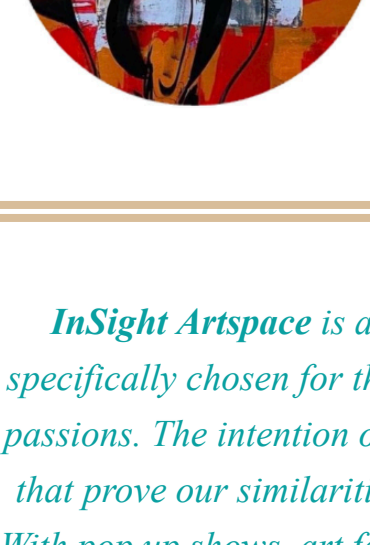
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