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The Christopher Cutts Gallery presents “David Bolduc, The Journey,” surveying five decades of the influential Canadian painter’s career. This exhibition follows Bolduc’s artistic journey from his early minimalist constructions to his signature central image paintings, which he continued to revisit and evolve until his untimely death in 2010.

“David Bolduc, The Journey” features a selection of paintings from the 1960s to the 2000s, notably *Untitled* (1967), a wall-mounted construction that was shown at Bolduc’s first solo exhibition with Carmen Lamanna; *Two* (1979), an early example of Bolduc’s central image; *Hotel Sahara, Essaouira* (1996), a watercolour from his travels in Morocco; and multiple noteworthy paintings depicting both geometric and organic variations of his iconic vertical form.

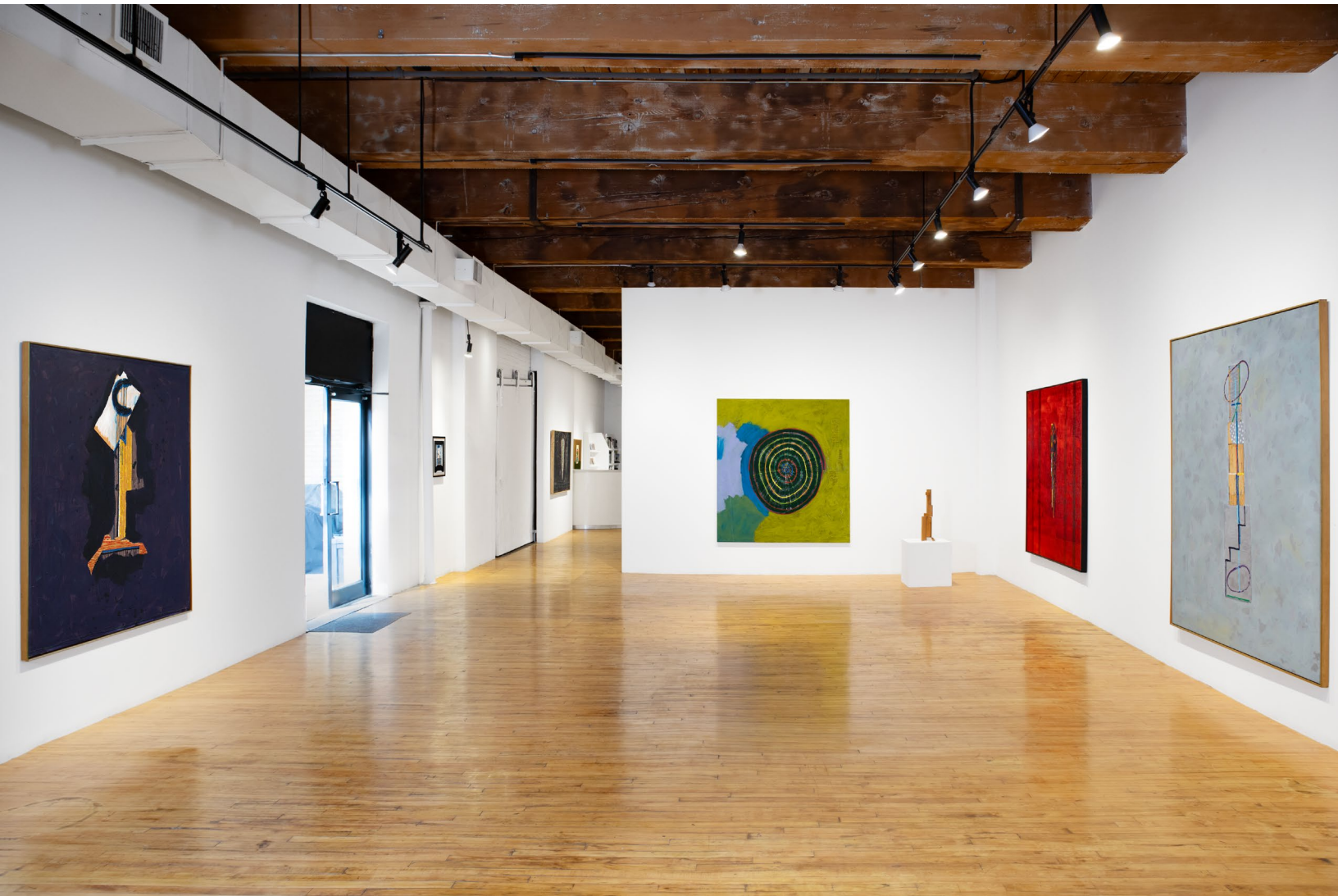
Of the central image that occupies most of his compositions, Bolduc once stated that the symbol originally began “as the hands of a watch, both of them pointing straight upwards towards midnight.” Bolduc’s paintings were typically symmetrical around this motif, but on occasion, he would break this rule, as illustrated by a couple of paintings in this exhibition, *The Cart* (1981) and *Screen No. 3* (2002).

Bolduc’s practice, known for its vibrant use of colour, and influenced by his travels and the work of celebrated Canadian abstract painters before him – such as Jack Bush and Gordon Rayner, has made a profound contribution to Canada’s art landscape. Bolduc was part of the third generation of modernists in Canada, working contemporaneously with artists like Ron Martin and Alex Cameron. Alongside his dialogue with fellow Canadian artists, his practice was influenced by his travels across the world and his interest in poetry.

“David Bolduc, The Journey” invites viewers to engage with the radiant hues, rich textures, and innovative modernist approaches that comprise the artist’s practice. The exhibition is comprised of pieces from private Canadian collections, reflecting the artist’s enduring relevance in Canadian art history.

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DAVID BOLDUC

Reggae

1981

acrylic and collage on canvas

71 x 67 inches (180.5 x 170 cm)

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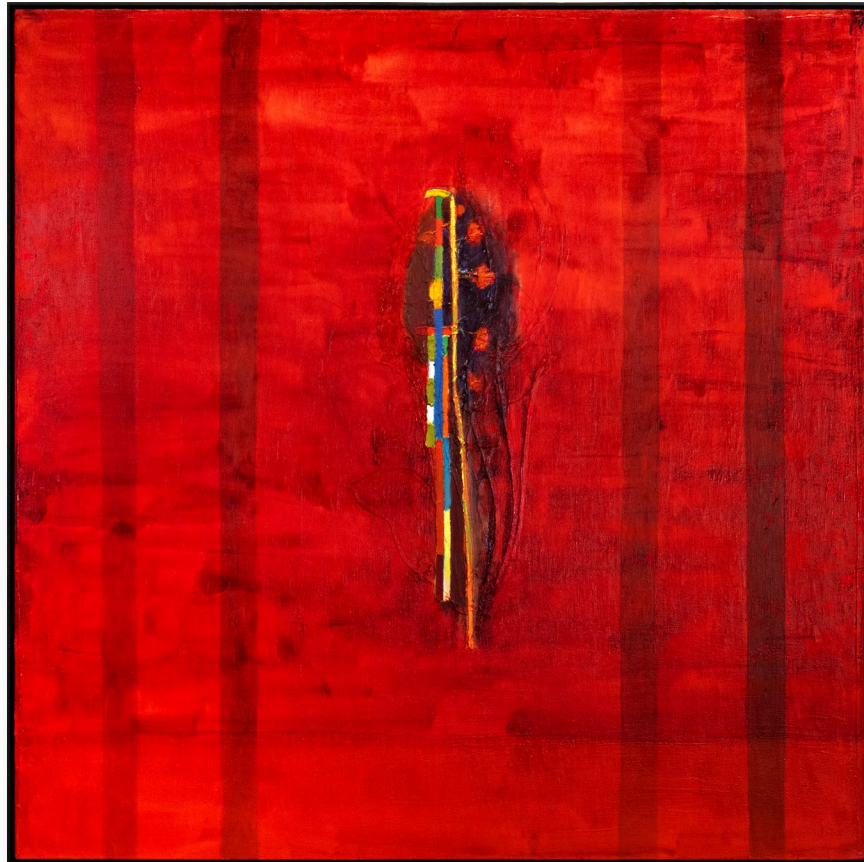
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DAVID BOLDUC

Winter Night

2003

oil on canvas

68 x 68 inches (172.5 x 172.5 cm)

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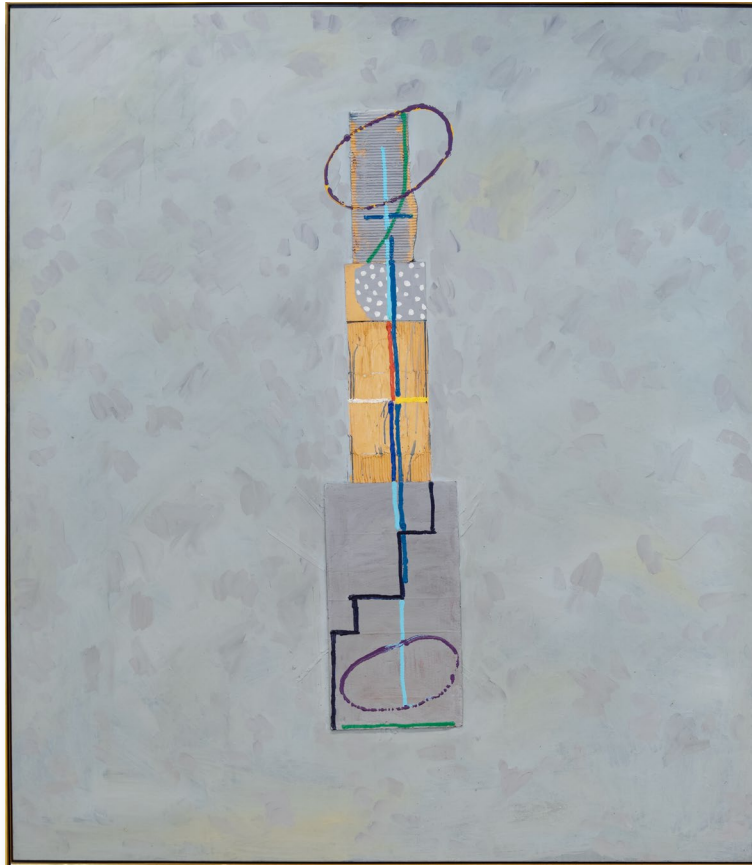
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DAVID BOLDUC

Seated Figure

1981

mixed media on canvas

78 x 68 inches (198.1 x 172.7 cm)

79 x 69 inches (200.7 x 175.3 cm) framed

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DAVID BOLDUC

La Baker

1981

acrylic on canvas

70 x 66 inches (178 x 167.5 cm)

71.5 x 67.5 inches (181.5 x 171.5 cm) framed

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DAVID BOLDUC

Two

1979

acrylic on canvas

78 x 66 inches (198 x 167.5 cm)

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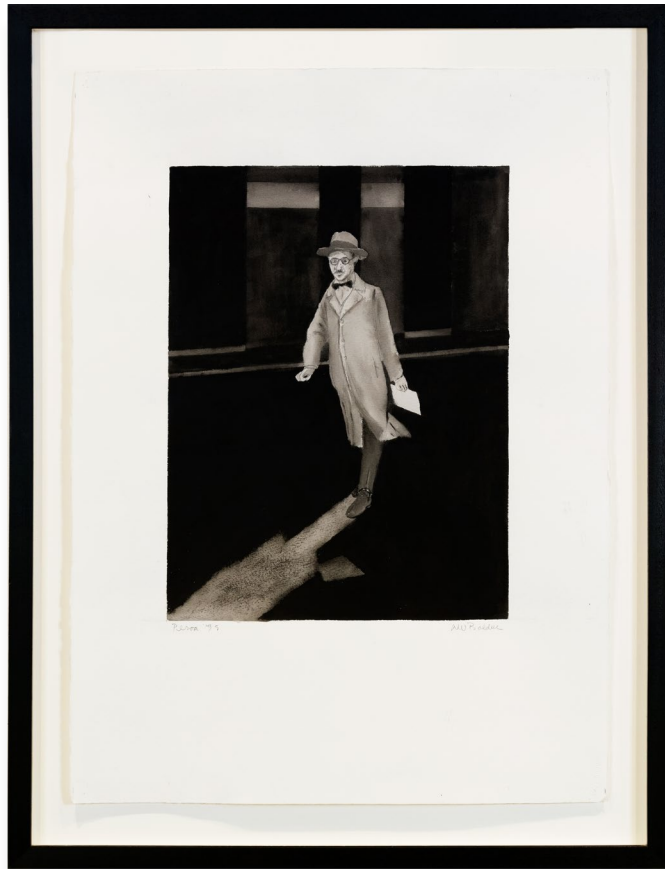
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DAVID BOLDUC

Pessoa

1999

watercolour on paper

30 x 22 inches (76 x 56 cm)

35.5 x 27.25 inches (90 x 69 cm) framed

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DAVID BOLDUC

The Cart

1981

acrylic on canvas

66 x 54 inches (167.5 x 137 cm)

67.25 x 55.25 inches (171 x 140.5 cm) framed

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DAVID BOLDUC

Bird Calls

1977 - 1979

acrylic and collage on canvas

63 x 58 inches (160 x 147.5 cm)

64.75 x 59.25 inches (164.5 x 150.5 cm) framed

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DAVID BOLDUC

Hotel Sahara, Essaouira

1996

watercolour on paper

15 x 14 inches (38 x 35.5 cm)

19.5 x 18 inches (49.5 x 45.5 cm) framed

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DAVID BOLDUC

Stupa

1995

wood elements, partially painted

23.5 x 8.5 x 6.75 inches (59.5 x 21.5 x 17 cm)

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DAVID BOLDUC

Untitled

1967

oil on canvas

25 x 84 x 7 inches (63.5 x 213.5 x 18 cm)

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DAVID BOLDUC

Room Arles

2006

oil on canvas

36 x 32 inches (91.4 x 81.3 cm)

37.75 x 33.75 inches (96 x 85.5 cm) framed

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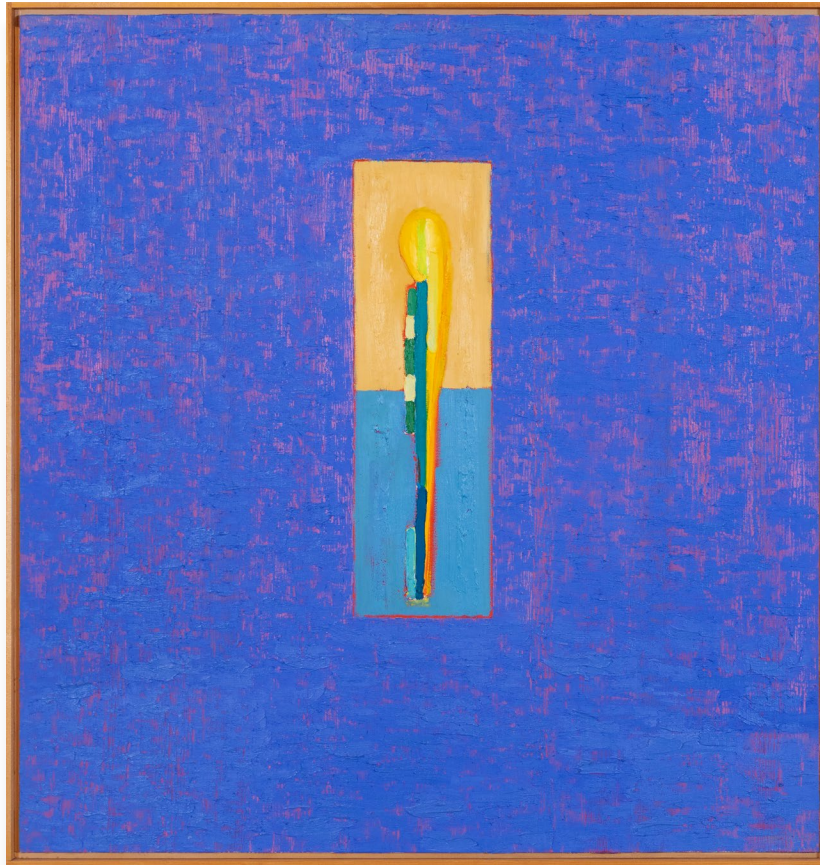
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DAVID BOLDUC

Lapis

2006

oil on canvas

44 x 42 inches (112 x 106.5 cm)

45.5 x 43.5 inches (115.5 x 110.5 cm) framed

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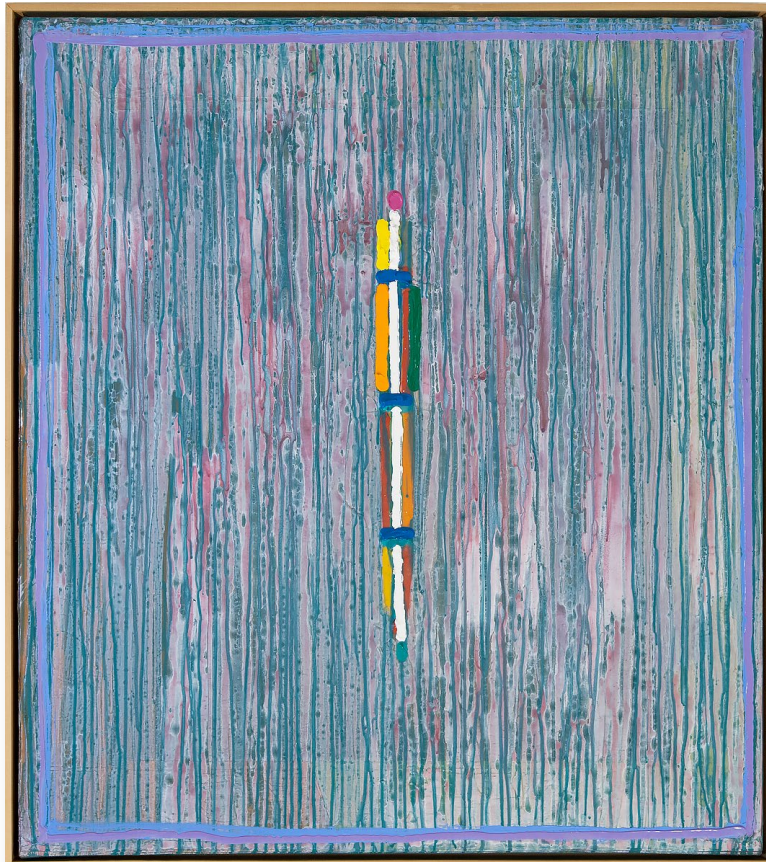
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DAVID BOLDUC

Sebad

1999

acrylic on canvas

36 x 32 inches (91.5 x 81.5 cm)

37.25 x 33.25 inches (94.5 x 84.5 cm) framed

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DAVID BOLDUC

Screen No. 3

2002

oil on canvas

38 x 87 inches (96.5 x 221 cm)

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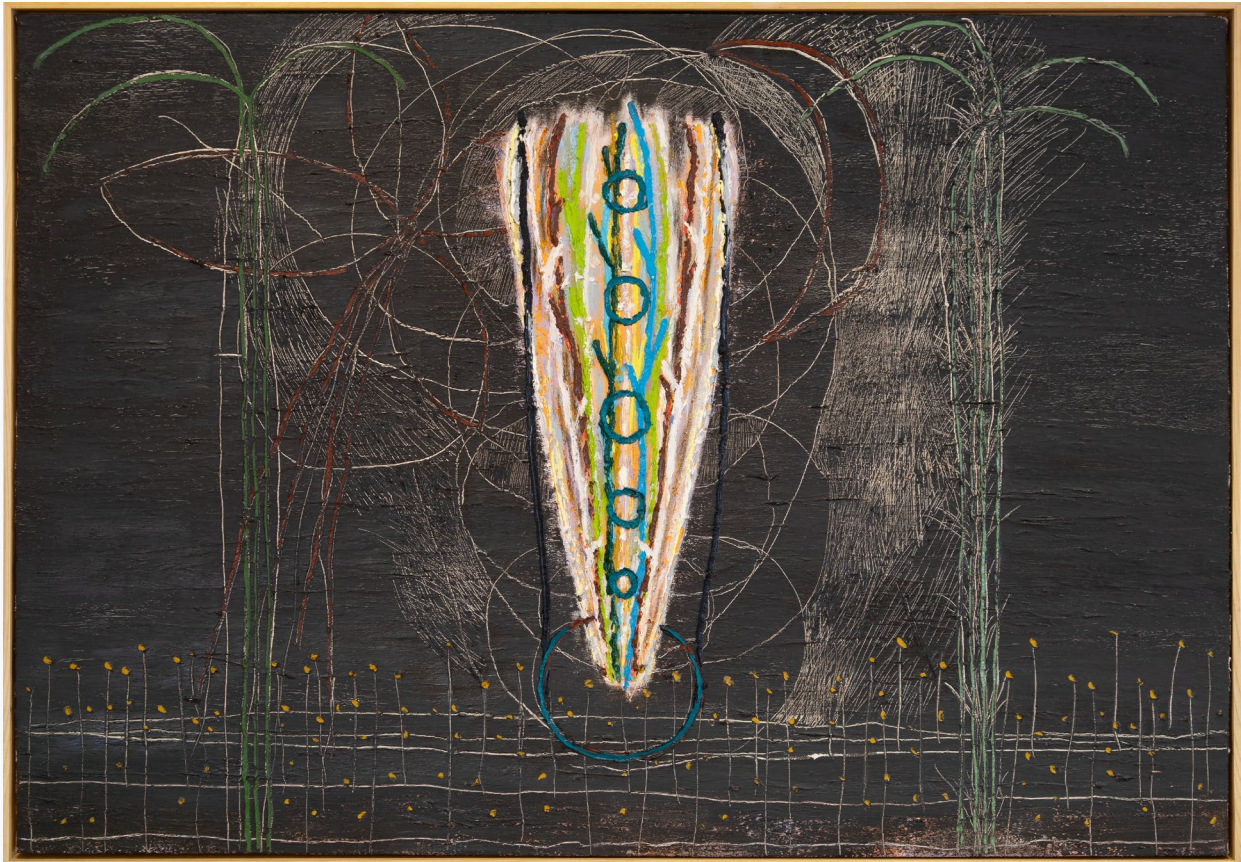
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DAVID BOLDUC

Portugal Spring

2007

oil on canvas

42 x 60 inches (106.5 x 152.5 cm)

43.5 x 61.5 inches (110.5 x 156 cm) framed

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DAVID BOLDUC

Summer Window

1998

acrylic and collage on canvas

24 x 30 inches (61 x 76 cm)

25.75 x 31.75 inches (65.5 x 80.5 cm) framed