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The Christopher Cutts Gallery is proud to present “Ray Mead – Life is Change,” a survey exhibition dedicated to the life and work of one of Canada’s most important abstract painters. This landmark show features significant works from across Mead’s career, including pieces that have never before been exhibited.

Ray Mead was a founding member of the celebrated collective Painters Eleven, which helped bring abstract expressionism to the forefront of Canadian art in the mid-20th century. Mead’s sophisticated use of colour and his avant-garde modernist compositions established him as a leading figure in Canadian abstraction. His work was exhibited across Canada and internationally. During his 1957 visit to Toronto, American critic Clement Greenberg was particularly impressed with “the ‘hard-edgedness’ of Mead’s painting” and his 1950s collage works.

Over five decades, Mead’s practice was shaped, and sometimes disrupted, by the vicissitudes of life – factors like his full-time advertising career that led him to move to Montreal in the late 1950s, a subsequent eight-year break from painting at the end of the 1960s, and personal challenges like his wife’s battle with cancer and her passing in the mid-1980s, continuously transformed his artistic approach. Mead’s paintings reflect the many dimensions of his life, and he would often reiterate the phrase that he had written in large block letters across his studio, ‘LIFE IS CHANGE.’

“Ray Mead – Life is Change” features work spanning his entire career, showcasing the evolution of his practice, including a 1950s collage, as well as small and large works on canvas. This exhibition is both a celebration of a career that challenged conventions and expanded the possibilities of painting for succeeding generations, as well as a reflection of the artist’s remarkable life through his practice.

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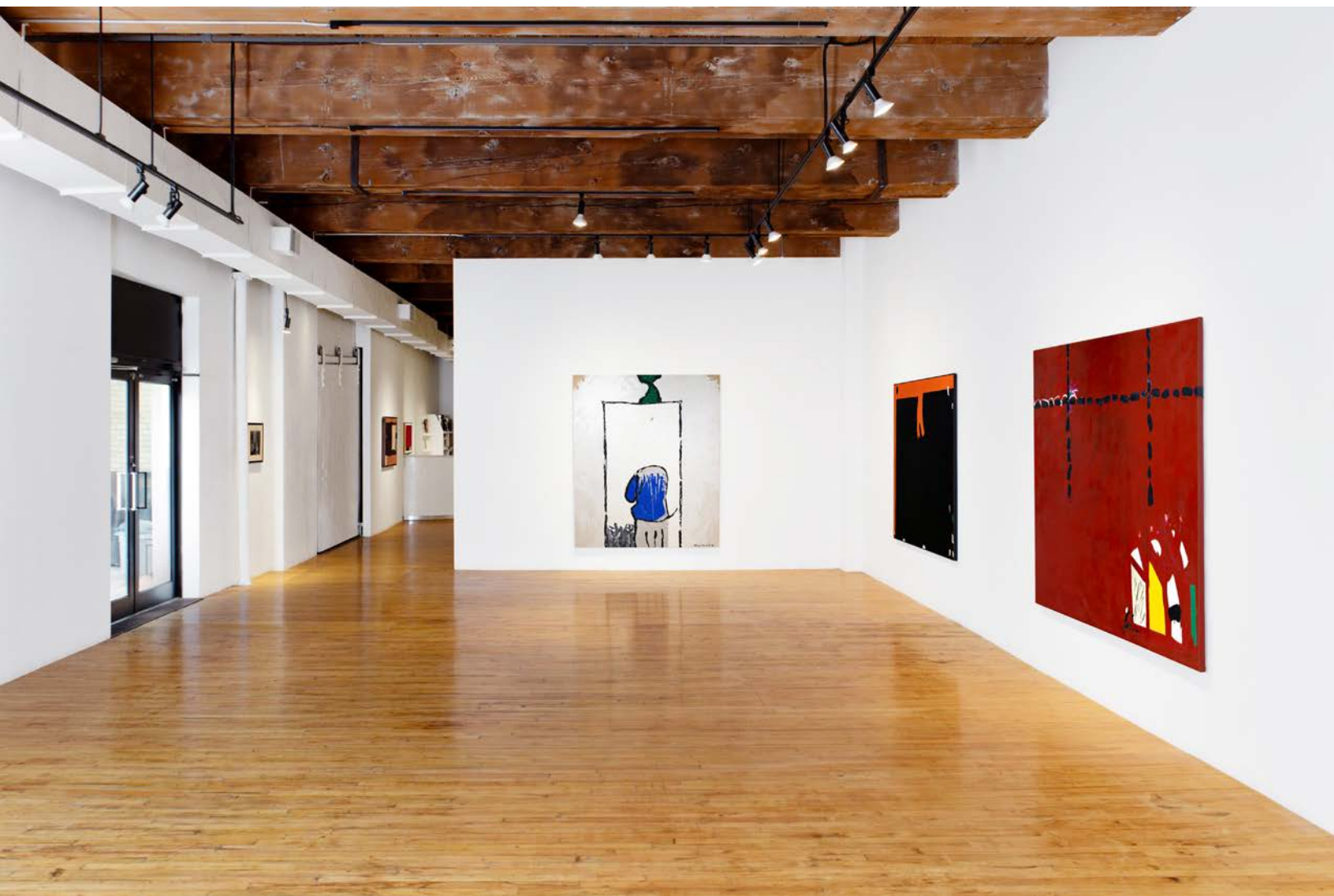
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south gallery, north wall

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RAY MEAD

*Untitled*

1986

acrylic on canvas

78 x 66 inches (198 x 167.5 cm)

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south gallery, east wall

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*Il Deserto Dei Tartari III*

1991

acrylic on canvas

60 x 72 inches (152.5 x 183 cm)

60.75 x 72.75 inches (154.5 x 185 cm) framed

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*Untitled*

1991

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65 x 78 inches (165 x 198 cm)

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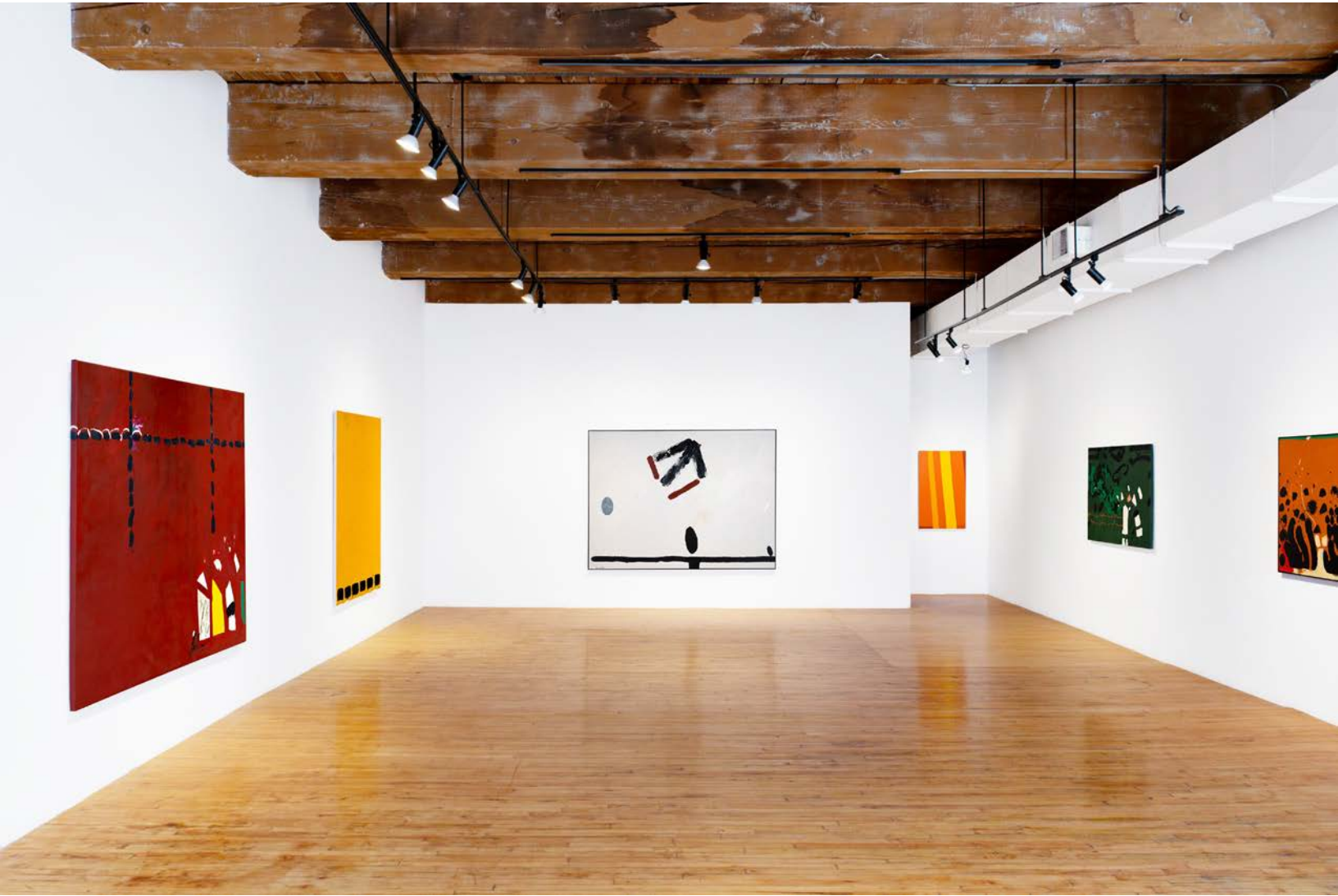
*Untitled*

1991

acrylic on canvas

66.5 x 52.5 inches (169 x 133.5 cm)

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RAY MEAD

*Hands of the Wind*

1992

acrylic on canvas

64 x 84 inches (162.5 x 213.5 cm)

64.75 x 84.5 inches (164.5 x 214.5 cm) framed

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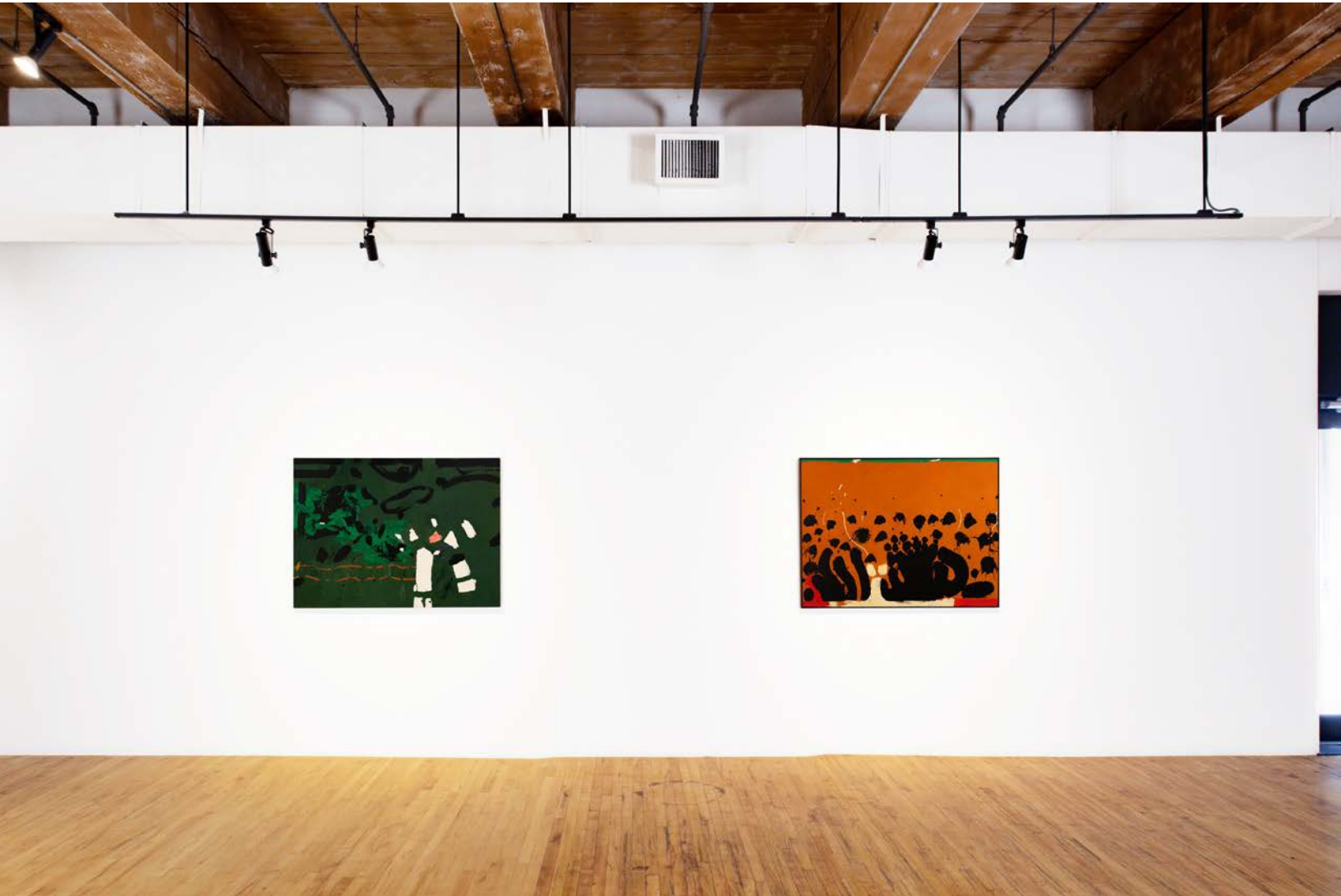
*Untitled*

1980

acrylic on canvas

40.25 x 24 inches (102.2 x 61 cm)

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RAY MEAD

*Untitled (Composition Green)*

1992

acrylic on canvas

36 x 52 inches (91.5 x 132 cm)

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RAY MEAD

*Red Sea*

1991

acrylic on canvas

36 x 48 inches (91.4 x 121.9 cm)

36.75 x 48.75 inches (93.5 x 124 cm) framed

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*Untitled*

1986

acrylic on canvas

58 x 78 inches (147.5 x 198 cm)

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RAY MEAD

*Untitled*

1981

acrylic on canvas

15 x 24 inches (38 x 61 cm)

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RAY MEAD

*Untitled*

1993

acrylic on canvas

12 x 16 inches (30.5 x 40.5 cm)

12.75 x 16.75 inches (32.5 x 42.5 cm) framed

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RAY MEAD

*Untitled*

1994

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13 x 20 inches (33 x 51 cm)

14.25 x 21.25 inches (36 x 54 cm) framed

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RAY MEAD

*Brown Cross*

1987

acrylic on canvas

12 x 14 inches (30.5 x 35.5 cm)

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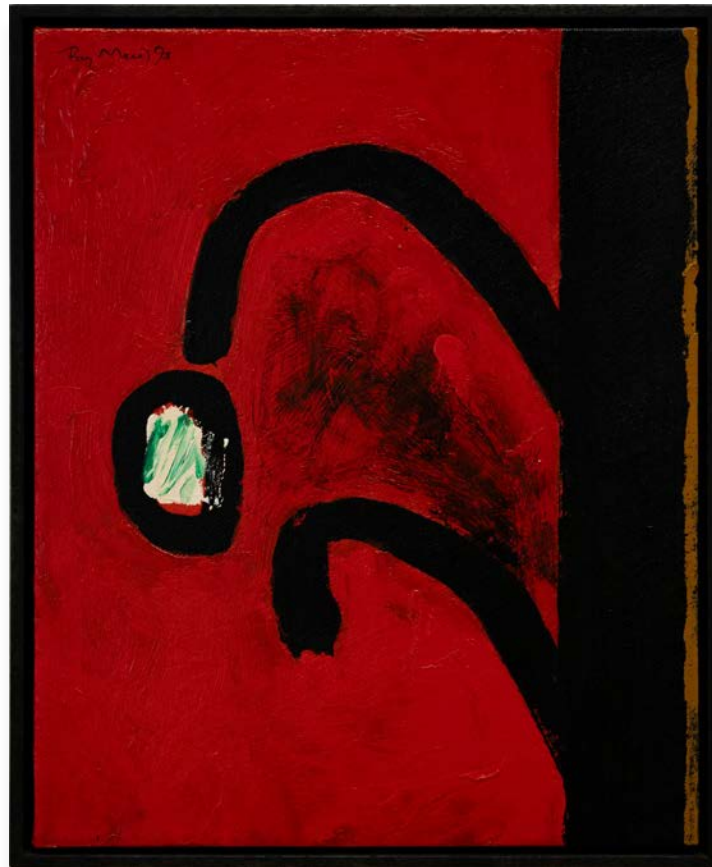
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*Untitled*

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21 x 17 inches (53.5 x 43 cm)

22.25 x 18.25 inches (56.5 x 46.5 cm) framed

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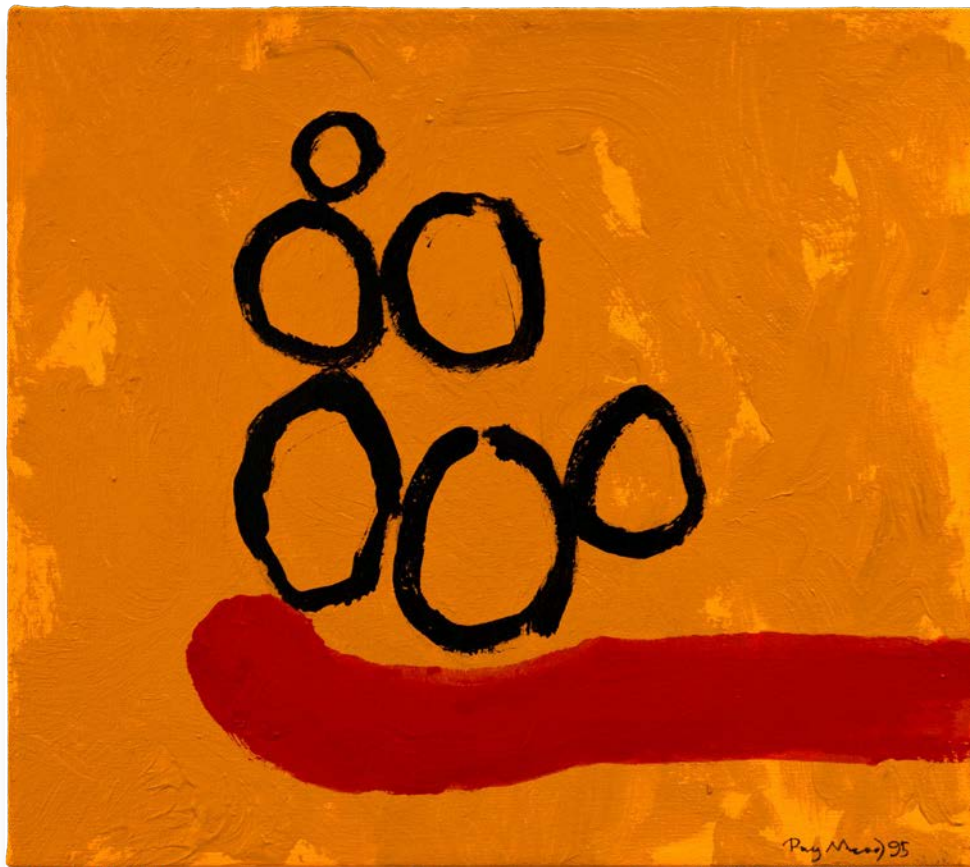
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RAY MEAD

*Untitled*

1995

acrylic on canvas

16 x 18 inches (40.5 x 45.5 cm)

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RAY MEAD

*Journey of Crossing*

1995

acrylic on canvas

16 x 18 inches (40.5 x 45.5 cm)

16.75 x 18.75 inches (42.5 x 47.5 cm) framed

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1986

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22 x 36 inches (56 x 91.5 cm)

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1993

acrylic on canvas

11 x 14 inches (28 x 35.5 cm)

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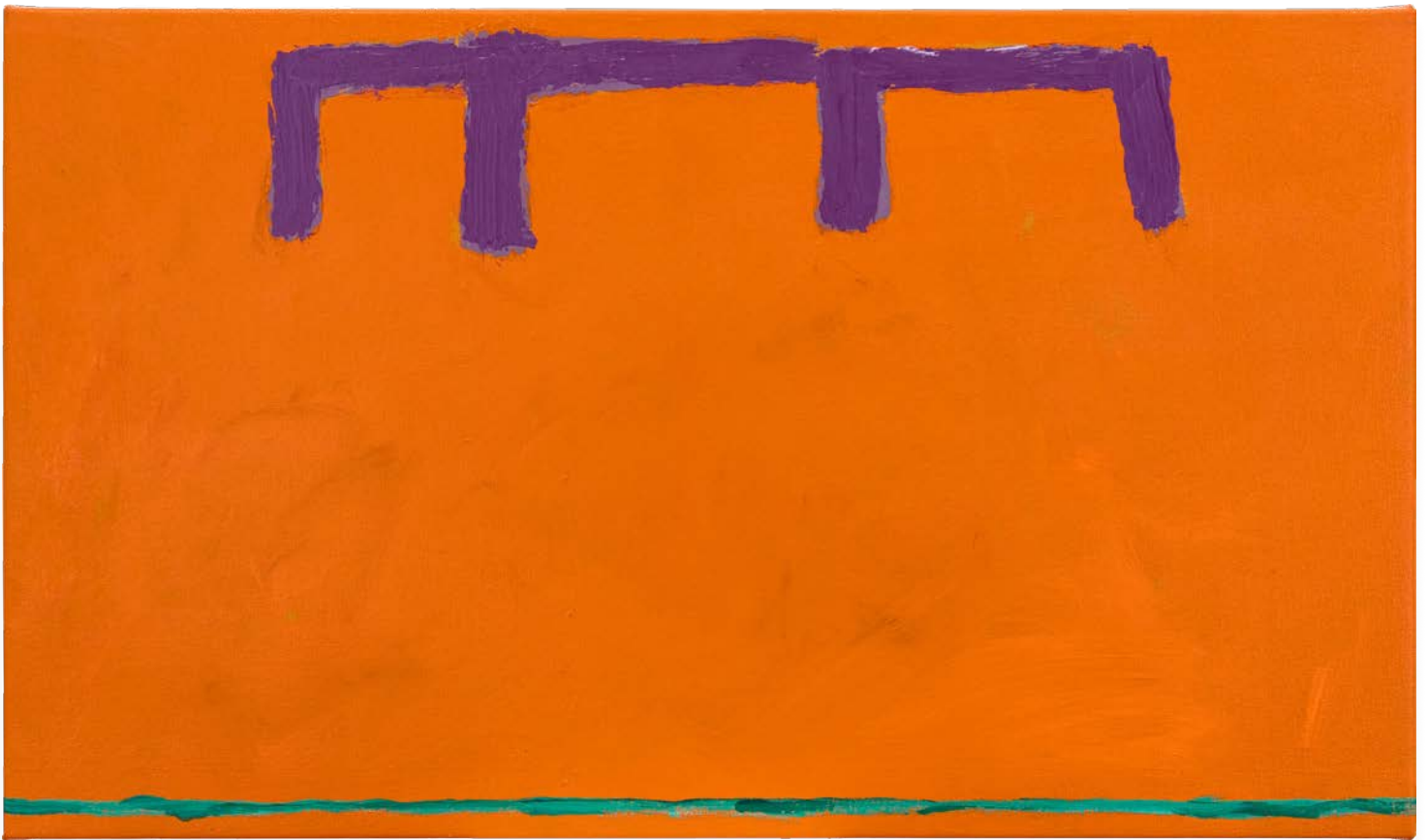
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*Untitled*

1985

acrylic on canvas

20 x 34 inches (51 x 86.5 cm)

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RAY MEAD

*Untitled*

1989

acrylic on canvas

30 x 36 inches (76 x 91.5 cm)

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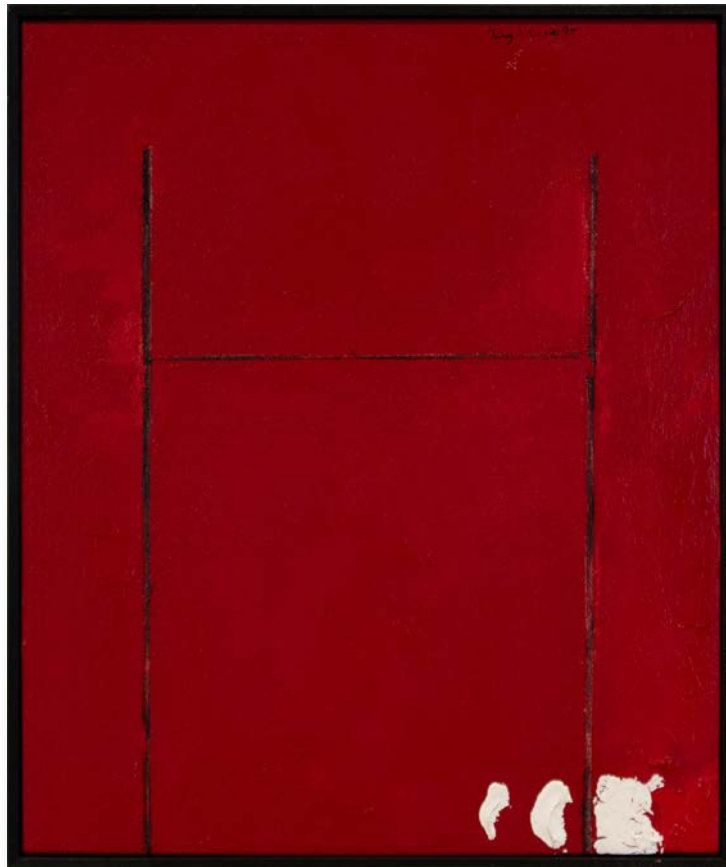
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RAY MEAD

*H-Bird*

1998

acrylic on canvas

18 x 15 inches (45.5 x 38 cm)

18.75 x 15.75 inches (47.5 x 40 cm) framed

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*Untitled*

1995

acrylic on canvas

22 x 33.5 inches (56 x 85 cm)

22.5 x 34.25 inches (57 x 87 cm) framed

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RAY MEAD

*Untitled A33*

1991

acrylic on canvas

24 x 36 inches (61 x 91.5 cm)

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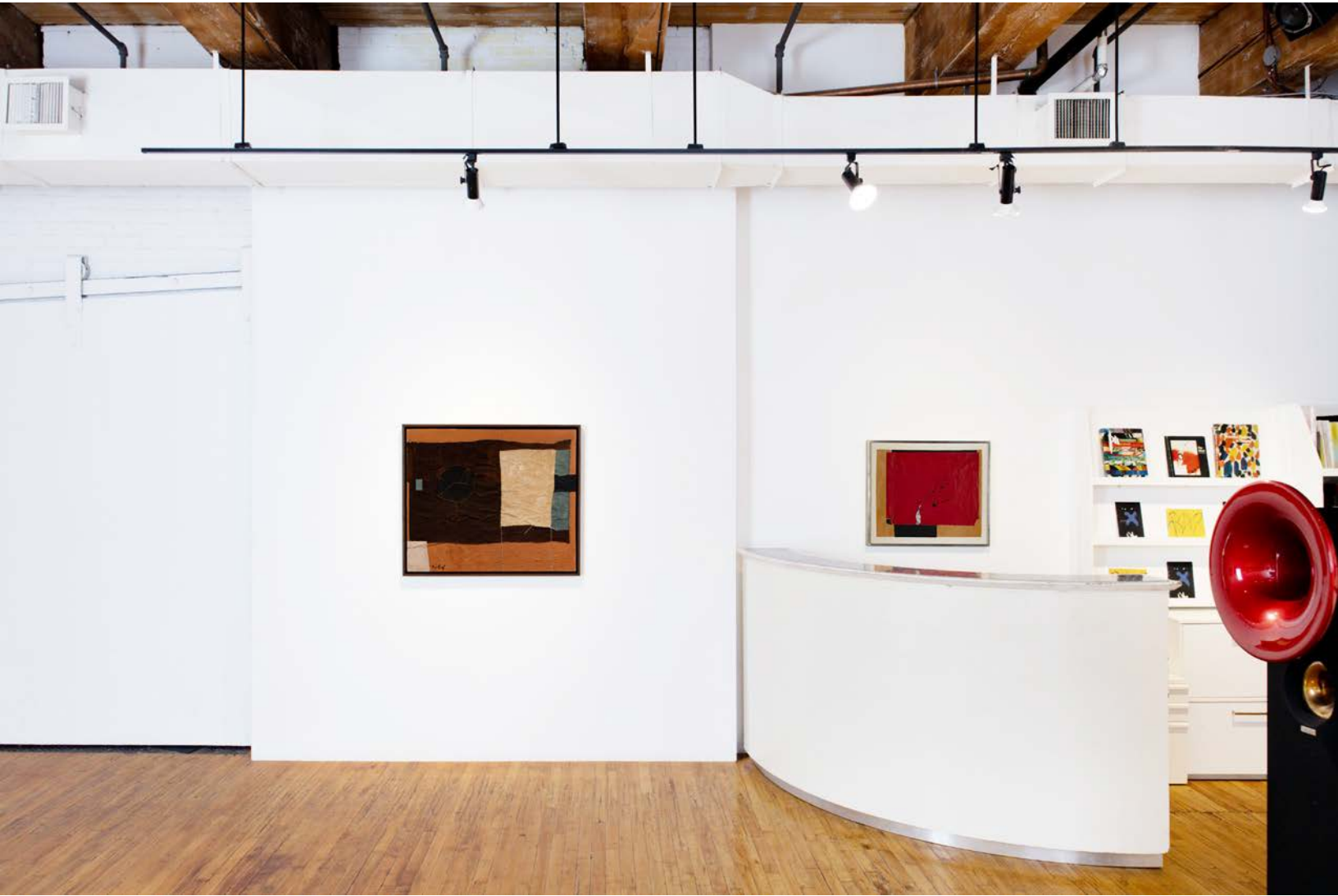
*Mrs. Bonds Pond*

1975

acrylic on canvas

50.25 x 43.5 inches (127.6 x 110.5 cm)

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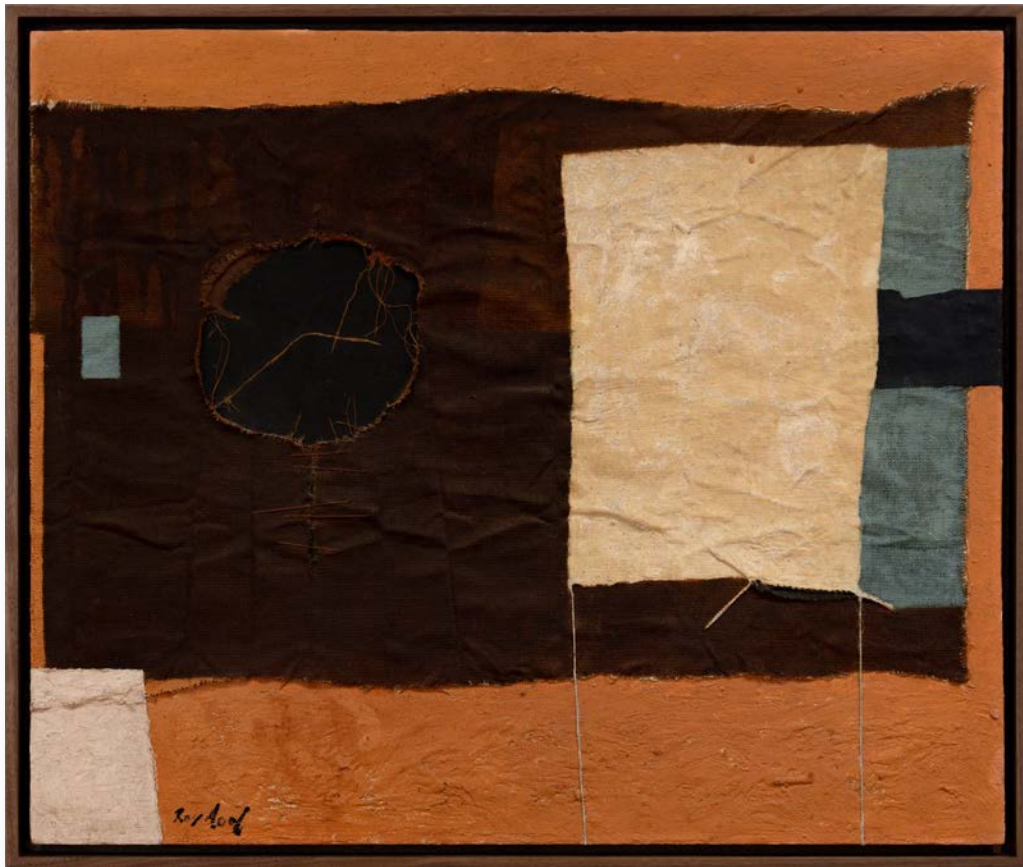
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RAY MEAD

*Untitled*

c. 1955

collage

30 x 36 inches (76 x 91.5 cm)

32 x 37.75 inches (81.5 x 96 cm) framed

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RAY MEAD

*Untitled*

1963

collage

19 x 24 inches (48.5 x 61 cm)

23 x 28.25 inches (58.5 x 72 cm) framed