

# RENEE ROBBINS

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## ARTIST STATEMENT

I create densely layered environments that offer a place for dreaming about our complex relationship to nature and the cosmos. Life presents enchanting explorations through tiny cells, flowering botanicals, rare specimens, brilliant carnivals, and celestial bodies. I position hybrid flora/fauna inside a space that simultaneously evokes the deep sea and the distant galaxies. Moving between the real and imagined, my process of painting brings together microscopic and telescopic viewpoints. Quantum particles have their own set of guiding principles, such as in atoms, where electrons and protons cannot touch each other. It's impossible to observe this happening with the naked eye. In a similar way, black holes are guided by their own set of rules and principles. No one has actually seen a black hole or quantum particles but there's evidence to suggest their existence. In this way, my paintings respond to biodiversity, in order to bring an understanding and a build a connection to our sense of place in the natural world.