

WONKUN JUN

(b. 1970, KOREAN)

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Courtesy of CHOI&CHOI Gallery and the artist

Wonkun Jung delve into the realm of emotions and self-expression. Jun's paintings are reminiscent of geometric abstraction or monochromatic painting in Korea. They manifest the artist's sensitivity and emotions through colours, achieved through repeatedly applying and removing layers of paint over the span of several months. The remnants of memories and emotions that reside within him are expressed through four colours – red, yellow, green, and blue. Achieving specific shades beyond these four colours involves numerous combinations and attempts. The colours, blended in layers on the canvas surface rather than a palette, require careful observation of each stroke as it dries. By the time this meticulous process concludes, a year may have passed.

정신 상태, 감정과 기억 같은 내면적인 영역을 다루는 전원근은 색을 겹겹이 쌓아 올리고 지우는 작업을 수 반복한다. 오랜 작업 후 완성된 작품은 기하학적 추상 또는 단색화 형태의 모습으로 작업을 하며 계속되었던 작가 내면의 정신적 고뇌와 감정의 기복을 고스란히 담고 있다. 작가의 내면에 자리잡은 기억과 감정의 파편은 빨강, 노랑, 초록 그리고 파란색을 통해 구현된다. 이 4 가지 색상 외 특정 색을 구현하기 위해 수많은 조합과 시도를 거치고, 팔레트가 아닌 캔버스 표면에서 섞이는 색들은 한 획의 붓질이 마르기까지 기다리고 관찰하는 과정이 필요하여 일 년이 넘는 시간이 걸리기도 한다.

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Untitled

2023

Acrylic on canvas

130 x 100 cm

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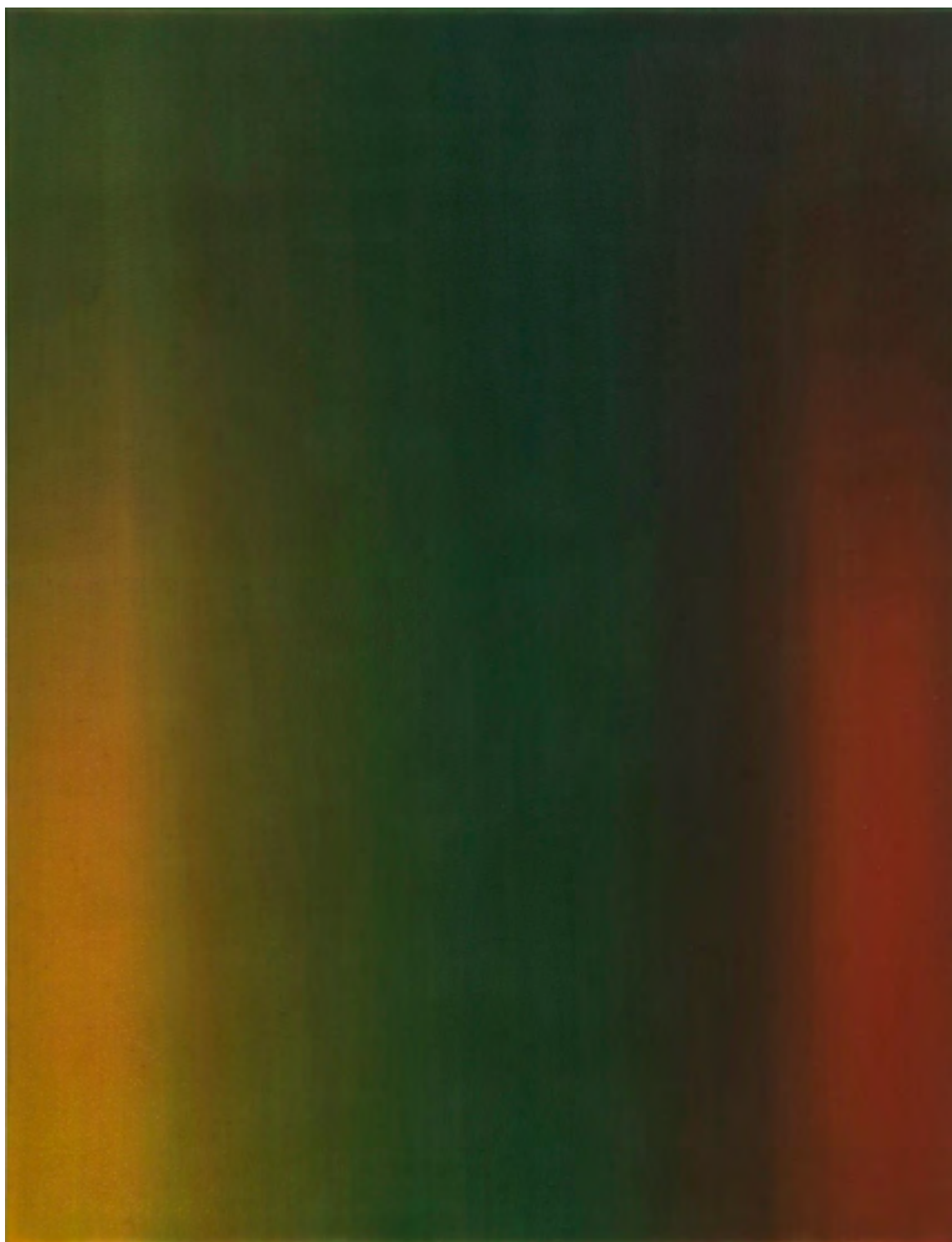
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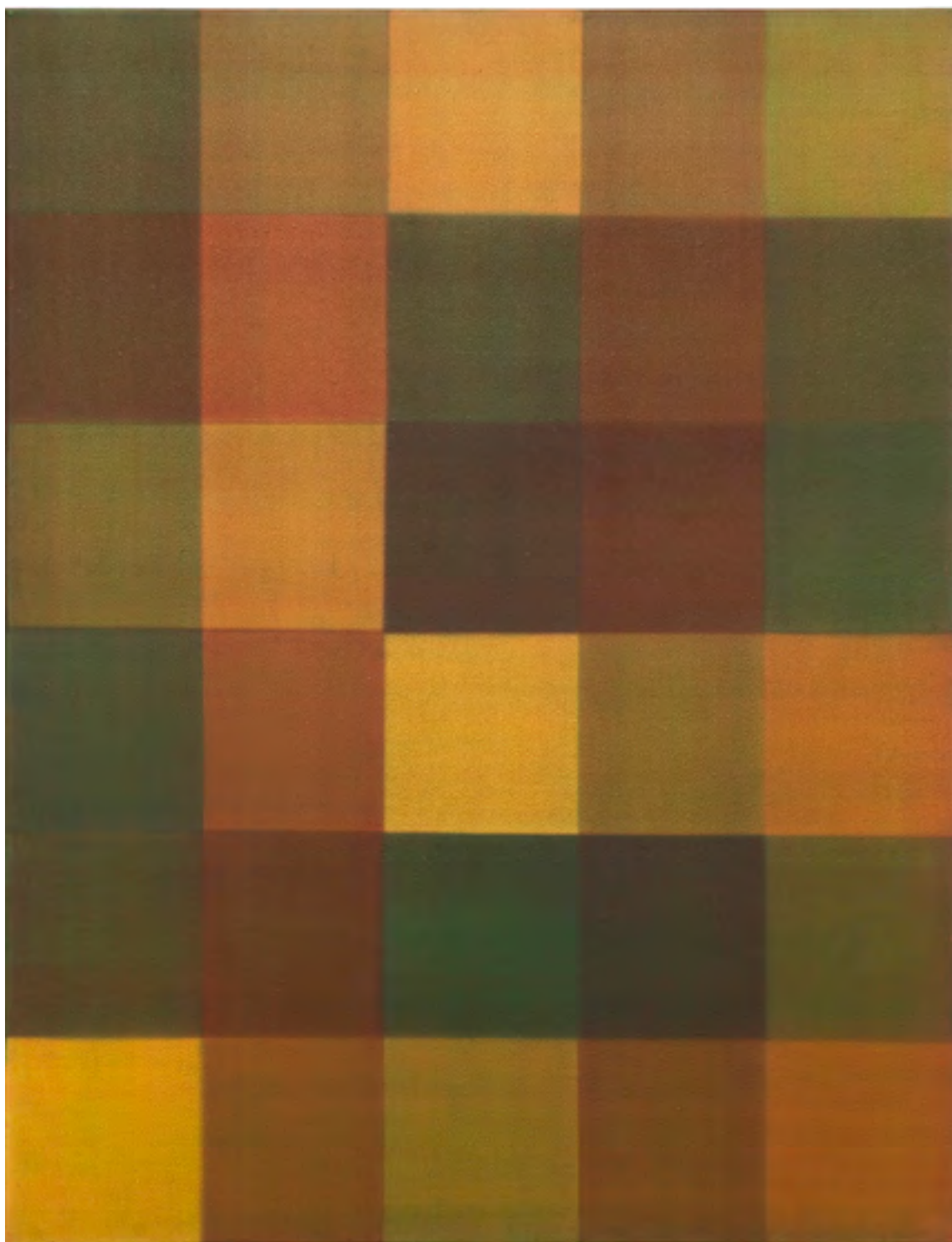
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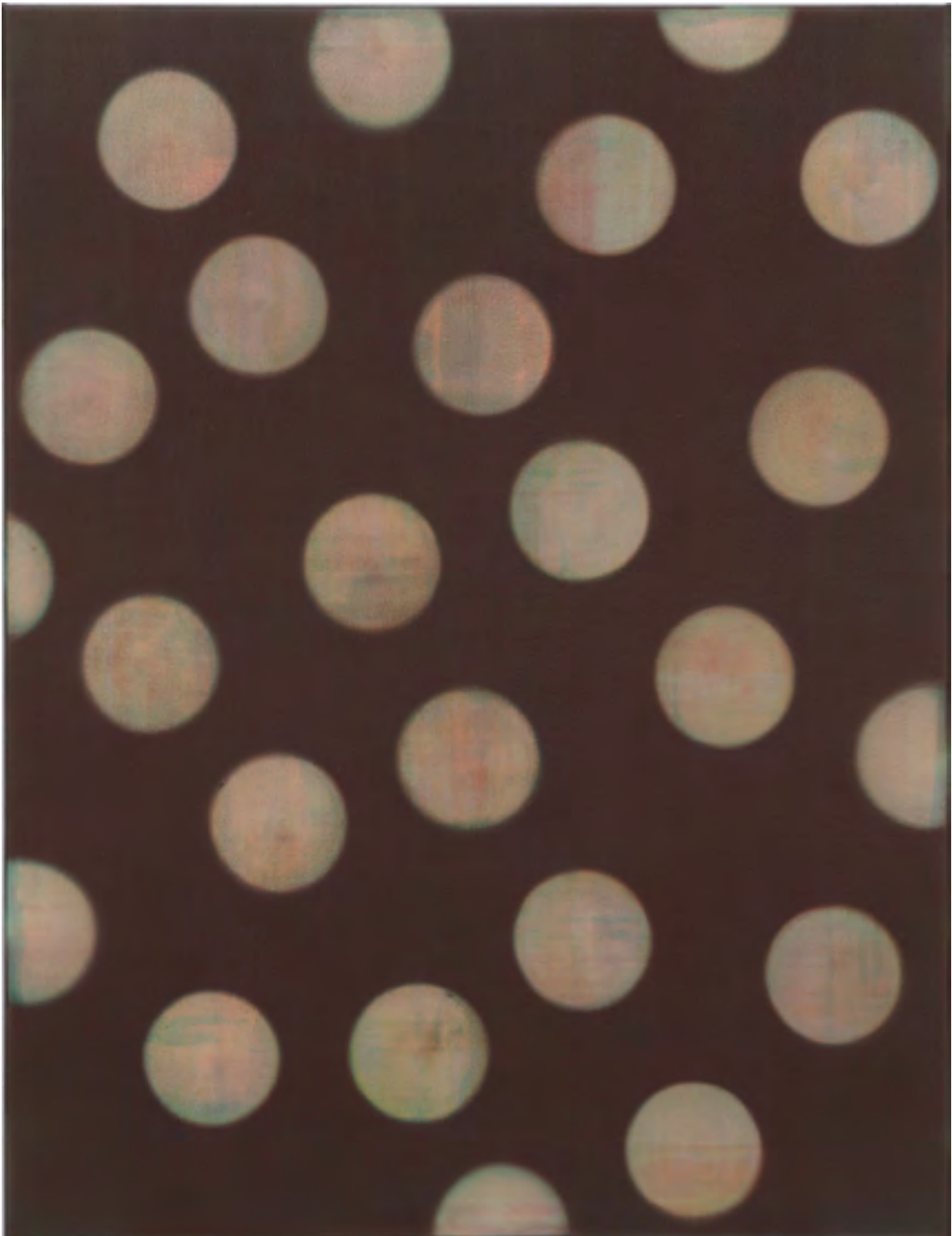
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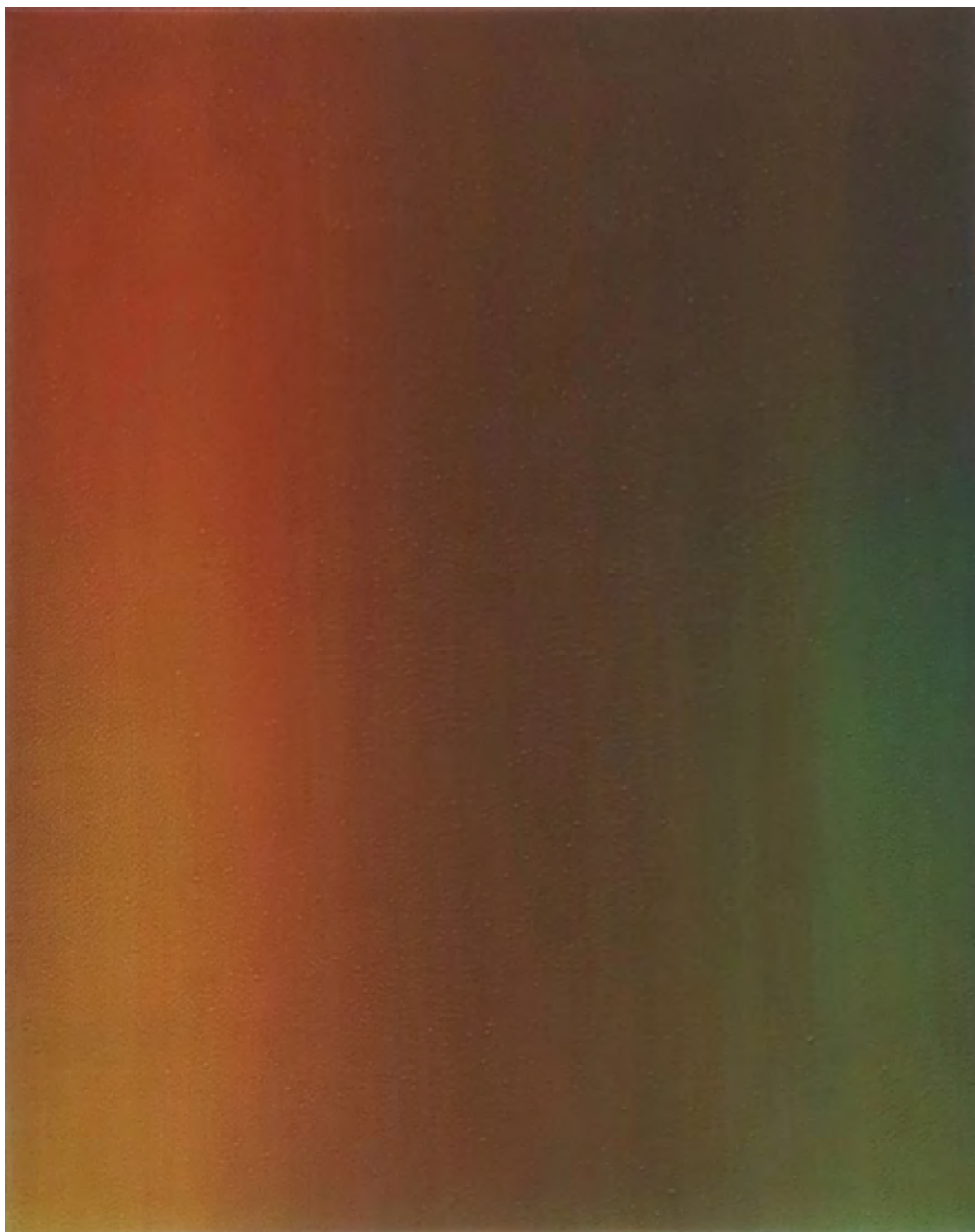
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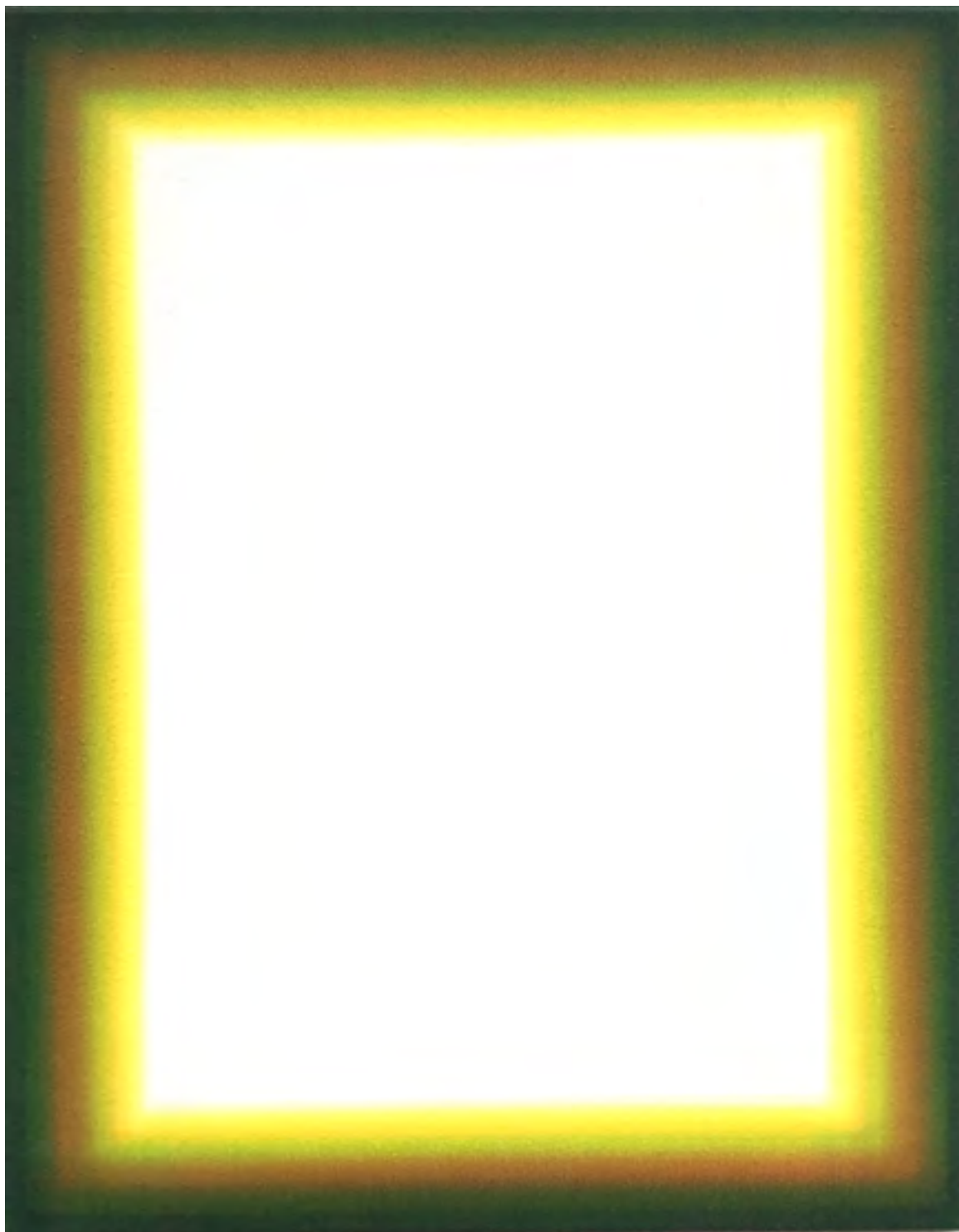
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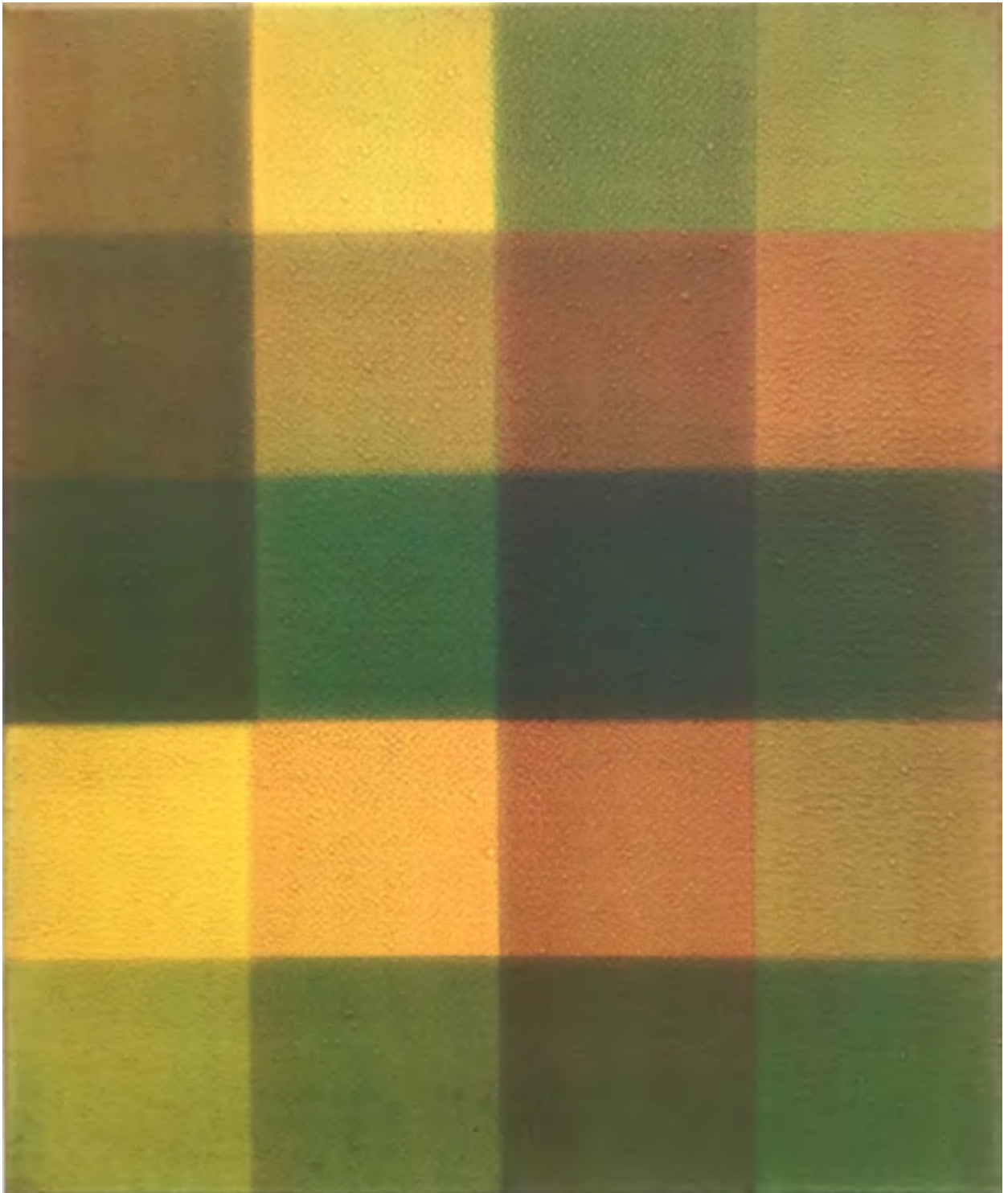
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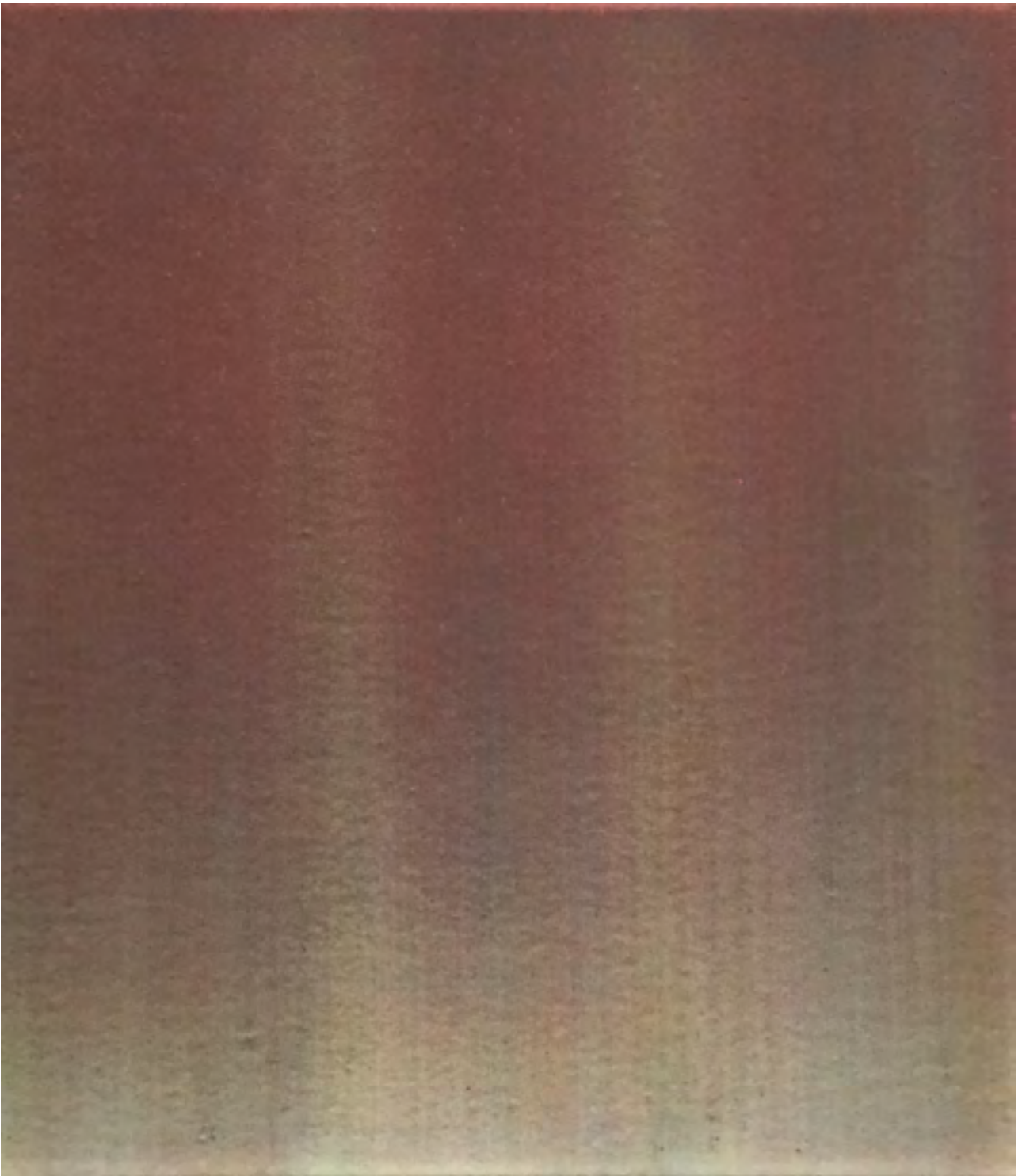
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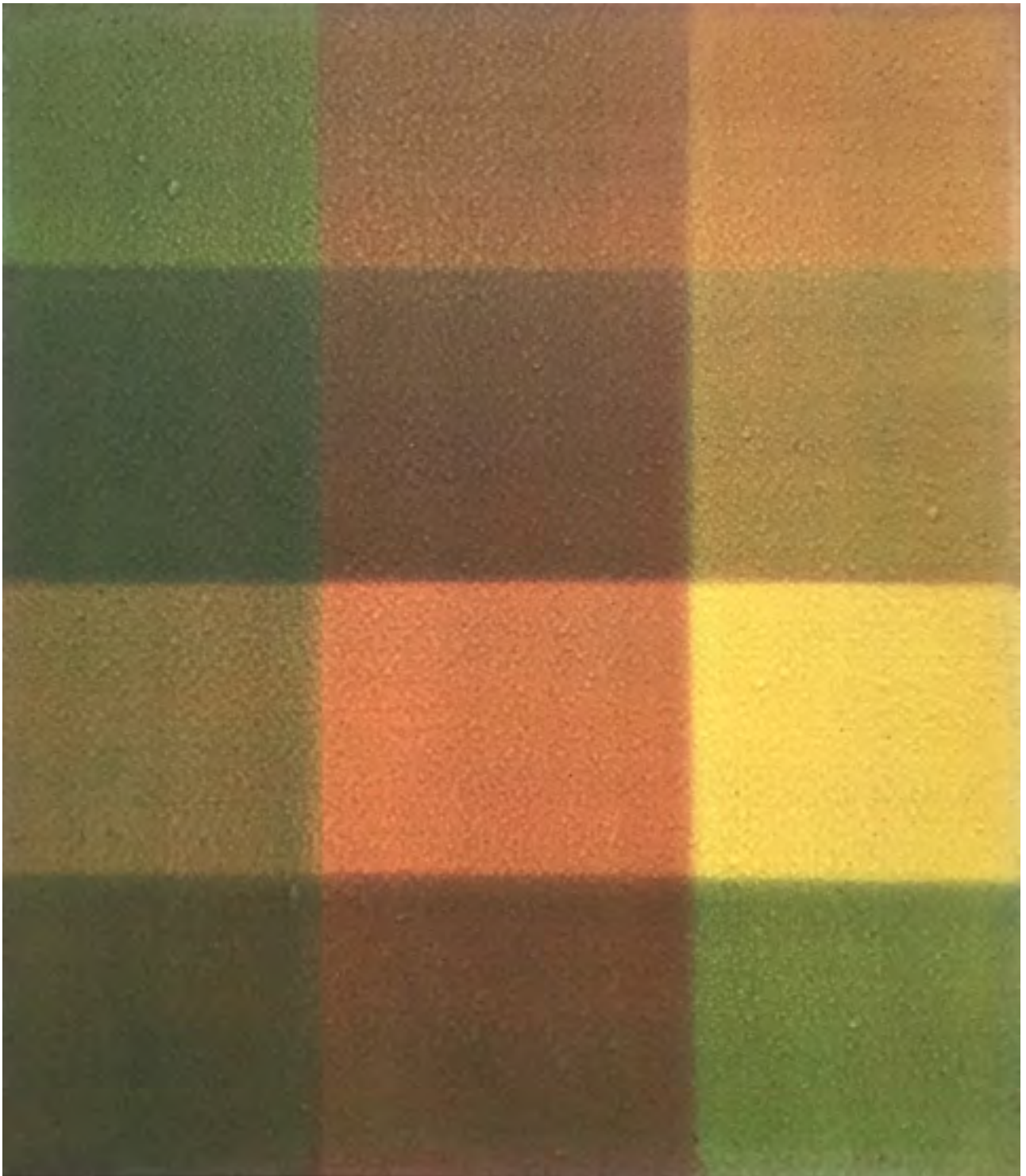
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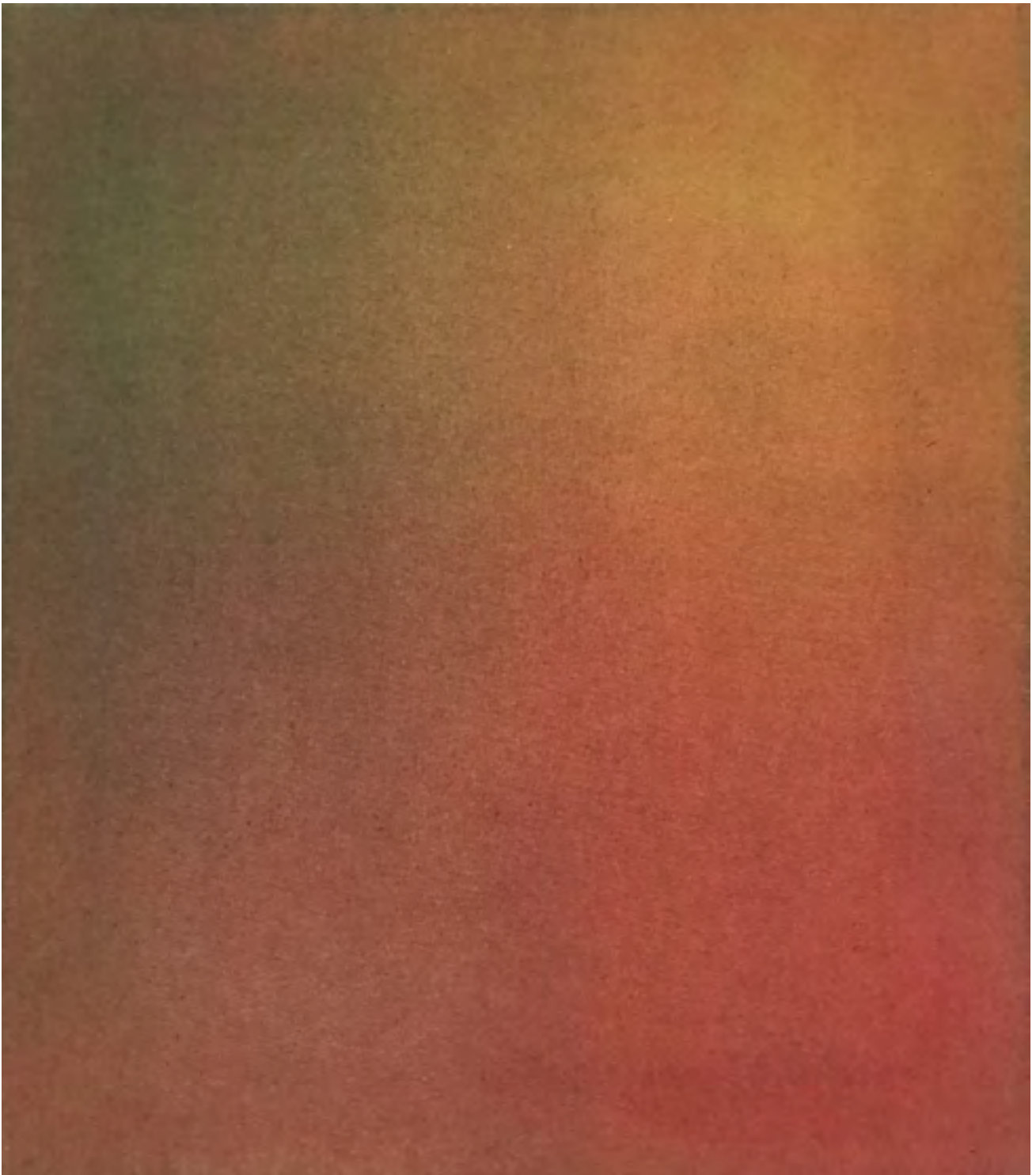
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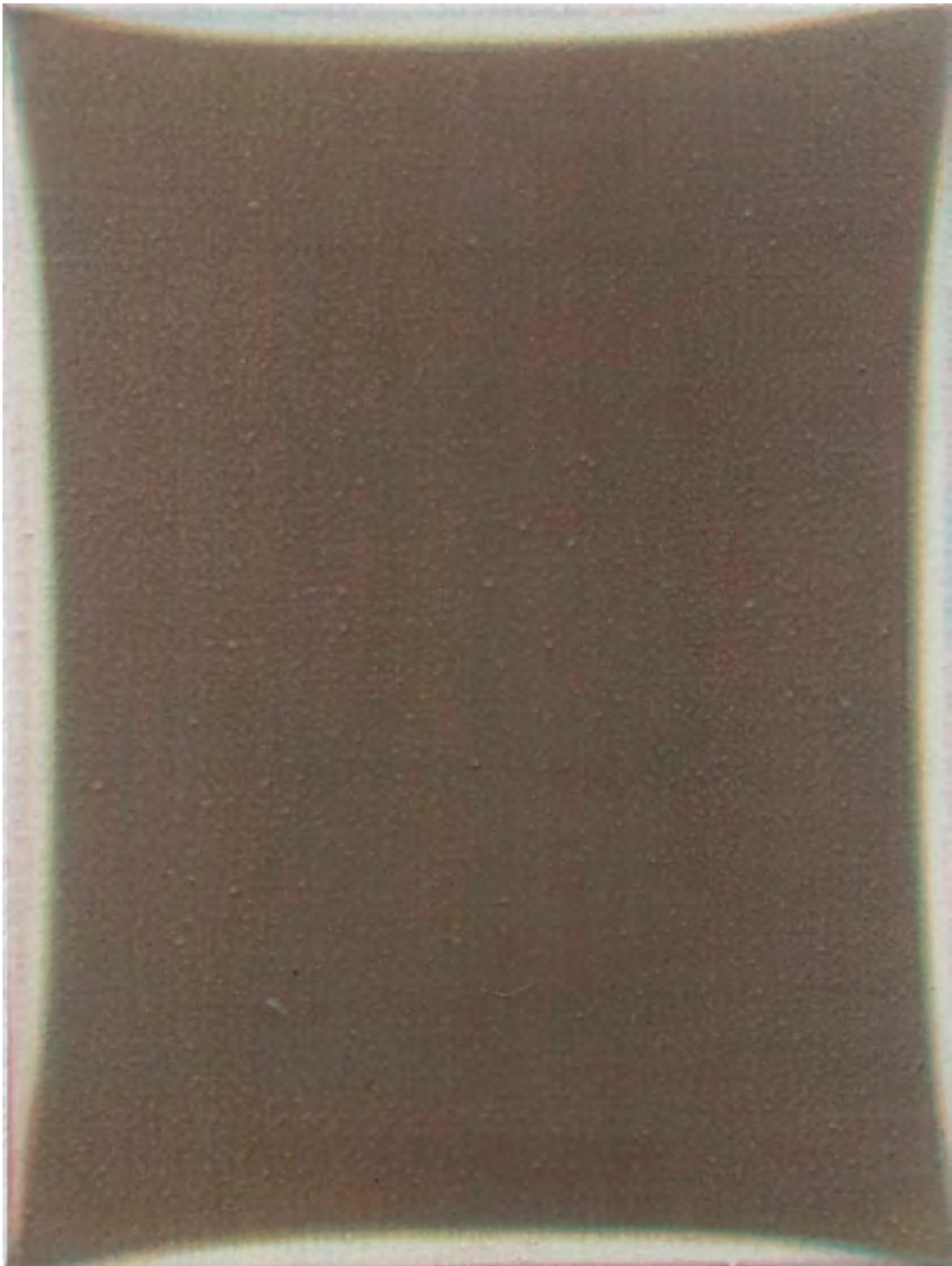
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EDUCATION

- 1990-1996 Studies of Liberal Arts and Painting, Chugye University of Arts, Seoul
1998-1999 Studies of Liberal Arts and Painting, Kunsthochschule der Bildenden Künste, Brunswick
1999-2003 Studies of Liberal Arts and Painting, Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Federle Class
2003 Degree as master student with Prof. Helmut Federle

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Why we need to learn the language of plants, CHOI&CHOI Gallery, Seoul, Korea
2023 Sensitiv and Sensible, Gallery JJ Seoul, Korea
2022 Die Insel, Galerie The Box, Düsseldorf
Wonkun Jun, Galerie LVS, Seoul, Korea
Dear Lil, Gallery shoobil, Antwerp Belgium
2021 painted Lines, Gallery Werner Klein, Cologne
2020 Farbe, Galerie Grewenig, Heidelberg
Colors by colors, Galerie Klaus Braun, Stuttgart
2019 Colors on colors, Galerie LVS, Seoul, Korea
2018 The Rhythm of Repetition, shoobil GALLERY, Antwerp
Scheinbar monochrom, Galerie artdepot, Innsbruck (with Ronald Kodritsch)
Wonkun Jun & Gabriele Obermaier, Kunstverein Ebersberg e.V.
2017 Wonkun Jun, Galerie Werner Klein, Cologne
Wonkun Jun, Kunstverein Junge Kunst, Trier
Wonkun Jun, Galerie LVS, Seoul, South Korea
Undefinable, Bräuning Contemporary, Hamburg
Wonkun Jun, Galerie Klaus Braun, Stuttgart
2016 Wonkun Jun, Youngen Art Museum, Kyungido, South Korea
2015 Enlightenment, Galerie LVS, Seoul, South Korea
Wonkun Jun, Galerie Cubus-m, Berlin
Wonkun Jun, kunstraumno.10, Mönchengladbach
2014 INSIDE OF INSIDE, Bräuning Contemporary, Hamburg
Farbe und Harmonie, Galerie Werner Klein, Köln
Wonkun Jun, Jun Azumatei, Galerie Katharina Krohn, Basel, Switzerland
2013 Schläft ein Lied in allen Dingen, Galerie m Beck, with Dr. Nicolaus Hipp, Homburg/Saar
It's me that you need, Galerie Cubus-m, Berlin
Speaking in colors, Galerie LVS, Seoul, South Korea
2012 Untitled2, Projektraum The BOX, Düsseldorf
Wonkun, Jun, Galerie Artary, Stuttgart
2011 Wonkun, Jun – Resonance, Galerie LVS, Seoul, South Korea
Painting and Drawing, Galerie Werner Klein, Cologne
2010 Kunstverein Duisburg, Duisburg
Das Eine und das Andere, kunstraumno.10, Mönchengladbach
Untitled, Projektraum The BOX, Düsseldorf
2009 season opening, Galerie Katharina Krohn mit Yeunhi, Kim, Basel, Switzerland
dialogue, Galerie Herold im Künstlerhause Güterabfertigung, Bremen
2008 Painting, Galerie Werner Klein, Cologne

- Wonkun, Jun solo exhibition, Galerie S, Seoul, South Korea
 2 junge Koreaner, Galerie schreier & von metternich fine art, Düsseldorf
- 2007 Blue-vision, Hankeesook Galerie, Daegu, South Korea
 Because..., Galerie ON, Seoul, South Korea
 Because..., Galerie im National Goyang art studio, South Korea
- 2006 Im Raum, Kunstverein Heinsberg
 Basic element, kunstraumno.10, Mönchengladbach
- 2005 Farbfeld, Galerie Konard Moenter KG, Meerbusch
 Neue Bilder, Galerie im Alten Schloss Gaildorf
- 2004 Abstraktion, Reduktion, Emotion, Galerie im Kultur Forum, Leverkusen
- 2003 Der stille Klang, kunstraumno.10, Mönchengladbach
- 2001 MALEREI, Galerie Konard Mönter KG, Meerbusch
- 2000 Form, Farben und Facetten mit Andrej Henze, Galerie GRAVÜRE, Essen

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS & ARTFAIRS

- 2024 25 Years of Galerie Ron Mandos, Gallery Ron Mandos, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 The direct view, Gallery Werner Klein, Cologne, Germany
- 2023 From Berlin to Seoul: Crossing Horizons, CHOI&CHOI Gallery, HORI Artspace, AIF Lounge, Seoul and
 Bermel von Luxburg Gallery, Berlin
 PANORAMA, Gallery JJ Seoul, Korea
 Seven Keys Galerie, Gallery JJ Seoul, Korea
- 2022 Berlin Meets Seoul, Bermel von Luxburg Gallery, Berlin, Germany (curated by CHOI&CHOI Gallery,
 Bermel von Luxburg Gallery, KUNSTLEBEN BERLIN Art Guide UG)
- 2021 XX - 20 Jahre kunstraumno.10, Mönchengladbach
 Farbe auf Papier, Galerie Klaus Braun, Stuttgart
- 2020 Youngeun Museum of Contemporary Art, South Korea
 Chang Ucchin Museum of Art Yangju City, South Korea
 2000 - 2020, Galerie Werner Klein, Cologne
 Vielfalt der Farbe, Galerie Werner Klein, Cologne
- 2018 Museum of ART Collection, Art Museum Osan, South Korea
 Art Rotterdam 2018, with Galerie Ron Mandos Amsterdam
 Abstract, Galerie Benjamin Ecke, Munich
- 2017 Clayarch Gimhae Museum Cubic House, Korea
 Galerie LVS, Seoul, Korea
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 5, Bräuning Contemporary, Hamburg
 Europa Konkret II, März Galerie m beck, Homburg/Saar
- 2016 Konkrete Kunst im Spiegel der Zeit, Kunstverein Dahn im Alten Rathaus
 Tod & Wagnis, Galerie m beck, Homburg /Saar
 Abstract mind, CICA Art Museum, South Korea
 Positions Berlin with Bräuning Contemporary, Berlin
 Art Central, Hongkong
 Art Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2015 UNUNSEPTIUM, Galerie Artdepot , Innsbruck, Austria

- Korean fusion, Galerie Ron Mandos, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2014 Die Grosse Kunstausstellung NRW, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf
 Artist, Portrait of the aesthetic soul, Kembosung Artcenter, Seoul, South Korea
 The Art House of Kuldoga City, Mark Rothko Art Center, Daugavpils Lettland
 Wonkun Jun, Barbara Döffler, Salz Dirk, Verein für aktuelle Kunst / Ruhrgebiet e.V., Oberhausen
 NEO CODE, Osan Kunstmuseum, Osan, South Korea
- 2013 Color, Form, Function, Galerie collectors contemporary, Singapore
 Art Busan, Busan, South Korea
 My Point of View, Galerie Lexington, Busan, South Korea
 Who's afraid of Color, Galerie Kramer Fine Art, Hamburg Artweek
 So abstrakt!, Projektraum The Wand, Berlin
 KIAF2013 – Korean International Art Fair, Seoul, South Korea
 Heartbreaker Kunstauktion, K21, Düsseldorf
- 2013 Alle Jahre wieder, Galerie Katharina Krohn, Basel, Switzerland
- 2012 Art Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe
 Power 1, Hankisook Galerie, Daegu, South Korea
 Layer Players, Galerie Strzelski, Stuttgart
 25. Mainzer Kunstpreis Eigenturm 2012, Mainz
 Galerie Katharina Krohn, Basel, Switzerland
- 2011 Art Stage Singapore Kunstmesse, Singapore
 Die Grosse Kunstausstellung NRW, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf
 Drawing Festival, Galerie Kunst doc, Seoul, South Korea
 Art Kwangju II, Kwangju, South Korea
 KIAF2011 – Korean International Art Fair, Seoul, South Korea
 Künstler der Galerie, Galerie Katharina Krohn, Basel, Switzerland
 WonkunJun, ChunmoNam ,Sengtaik,chang, Toingin Auction Galerie, Seoul, South Korea
- 2010 Toingin Auction Galerie, Seoul, South Korea
 Die Grosse Kunstausstellung NRW, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf
 Justaposition, Ateliergemeinschaft Emmastrasse, Düsseldorf
 Daegu International Art Fair – Sonderausstellung, Daegu, South Korea
 KIAF2010 – Korean International Art Fair, Seoul, South Korea
- 2009 Weiss auf weiss, Galerie schreier & von metternich fine art, Düsseldorf
 Wonderful pictures, ILMIN Kunstmuseum Seoul, South Korea
 Kunstpreis Sezession, Mathildenhöhe, Darmstadt
 Jahresrückblick und Überraschung, Galerie Katharina Krohn, Basel, Switzerland
- 2008 Schwarz – Weiss, Galerie schreier & von metternich fine art, Düsseldorf
 Zur Kunst erklärt, kunstraumno.10, Mönchengladbach
 Art Amsterdam 2008, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 KIAF2008 – Korean International Art Fair, Seoul, South Korea
 Gegenstandslos, Gesellschaft für Kunst und Gestaltung e.V., Bonn
- 2007 Die Grosse Kunstausstellung NRW, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf
 Studio open, Galerie in der Goyang national artstudio, South Korea
 Galerie Gainro, South Korea, Seoul
- 2006 Ellwanger Kunstausstellung 2006, Kunstverein Ellwangen

- Große Ausstellung, Kunsthalle Villa Kobe, Halle (Saale)
- 2005 Galerie am Stadtmuseum Marlies Fischer-Zoeller, Düsseldorf
Die Grosse Kunstausstellung NRW, Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf
- 2004 Galerie am Stadtmuseum Marlies Fischer-Zoeller, Düsseldorf
- 2003 Junge Künstler im Dialog mit Klassikern der Moderne, Galerie am Stadtmuseum, Düsseldorf
Galerie der Kulturfabrik mit Chun und Katarina, Krefeld
STANDORT WECHSEL, Stadthalle Detmold, Detmold
Galerie Katharina Krohn, Basel, Switzerland
- 2002 Der Warteraum Schwarz, Rot und Gold, Atelier am Eck, Düsseldorf
Nacht der Museen, Galerie am Stadtmuseum, Marlies Fischer-Zöller, Düsseldorf
Internationale Kunstausstellung NATUR – MENSCH, Nationalpark Harz, Sankt Andreasberg
Künstler der Galerie mit Werner Pokorney etc., Galerie am Stadtmuseum Düsseldorf
- 2001 Stiftung von BILA DE BANK, Enschede, Netherlands
EMPRISE ART AWARD 2001, NRW-Forum Kultur und Wirtschaft, Düsseldorf
- 1997 Abschlussausstellung, Chugye University of the Arts Seoul, Dukwon Galerie, Seoul, South Korea

GRANTS

- 2016 Residence program Youngen Art Museum, Kyungido, South Korea
- 2013 Residence Mark Rothko Artcenter, Daugavpils, Latvia
- 2006-2007 iving studio scholarship The National Art Studio, Goyang, South Korea
- 2004-2005 scholarship city painter Gaildorf
- 2000 award for the picture "Alles im Fluß", Plasmaselect, Munich

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Kunstmuseum Kunstpalast Düsseldorf
- NRW-Kunstsammlung
- Youngen Artmuseum
- Konkuk University Medical Center
- Kyunghee University
- Hansol Hospital
- PlasmaSelect AG Munich
- Mark Rothko Art Center
- Stadthalle Gaildorf
- Art Bank - National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Korea