



**School of Art Gallery Presents *Caesura*
A Solo Exhibition by Kerri Ammirata**

CHAUTAUQUA, NY — The School of Art Gallery is pleased to present *Caesura*, a solo exhibition of new paintings by Kerri Ammirata.

Drawing upon celestial imagery, including suns, moons, planets, and other cosmic forms, Ammirata creates meditative fields of color and gesture that examine transformation, perception, and the shifting nature of identity. Through layered surfaces, sweeping marks, and recurring symbolic motifs, the artist constructs spaces that exist between the personal and the universal, the physical and the spiritual.

The exhibition takes its title from the literary term *caesura*, a pause or interruption that alters the rhythm of what surrounds it. Inspired in part by a line from Louise Glück's poem *Labor Day*, "Not a sentence, but a breath, a caesura," the work reflects on moments of rupture and transition that fundamentally reshape one's understanding of self.

Created following the artist's diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer in 2024, these paintings mark a significant evolution within Ammirata's practice. Adapting both her studio methods and physical approach to painting, she embraced new materials and processes, building surfaces through repeated cycles of application, removal, and revision. The resulting works embody states of uncertainty, endurance, and emergence.

Throughout *Caesura*, celestial bodies function as emotional and psychological landscapes. Arcing forms suggest thresholds and divisions, while radiant centers, concentric markings, and recurring triangular structures evoke cycles of energy, reflection, and renewal. Rather than offering resolution, the paintings occupy a space of continual becoming, one in which multiple identities, histories, and possibilities coexist.

In *Caesura*, Ammirata considers how interruption can become transformation, and how moments of profound change create opportunities for new forms of seeing and understanding.

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