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THE FIG GARDEN

'NIGHT CONVEYS THE LIGHT, EVERY DAY & EVERY NIGHT.'

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In his paintings, Derakshani recalls forgotten tales and symbols of Iran's cultural heritage, at a time where traditions and practices are under threat and often outlawed. Through a rich iconography drawing from medieval Persian poetry, classical literature, miniature painting, and sacred architectural sites laden with meaning, Derakshani's work celebrates both ornamentation and color fields, as the artist finds a space for figural representation in abstract aesthetics.

This new series of work is from his Day and Night and Fig Tree series, in which Derakshani explores opposing themes of the world. While aesthetically ornamented, the paintings express a duality of experiences and reflect the fullness and ambiguity of life. Derakshani's paintings often mimic poetry and music. For the artist, painting is a spiritual process that allows for a return to physicality and beauty, in a rejection of the irony that often permeates contemporary painting.

scent of a fig tree
thick in the summer air,
shadows of her beautiful hands,
like Shiva,
kneading the darkness, dancing.

drops of sweet white juice
on the way back from school
in the summer heat
the desert shining like a silver sky

through the long night,
this longing for you ripens and thickens
we dive toward insanity

you pluck my chords,
and the song echoes the universe.
each day, each night.

the night you made a promise:
the day of reunion,
I count up the days,
every day and every night.

thirst near to my eyes,
drops of sweet white juice,
the shadow of a fig tree
quiets my soul.







Reza Derakshani
Dawn Blue Day
2022
Oil, tar and gold on canvas
152 x 366 cm







Reza Derakshani
Every Indigo Night
2022
Oil and enamel on canvas
203 x 386 cm



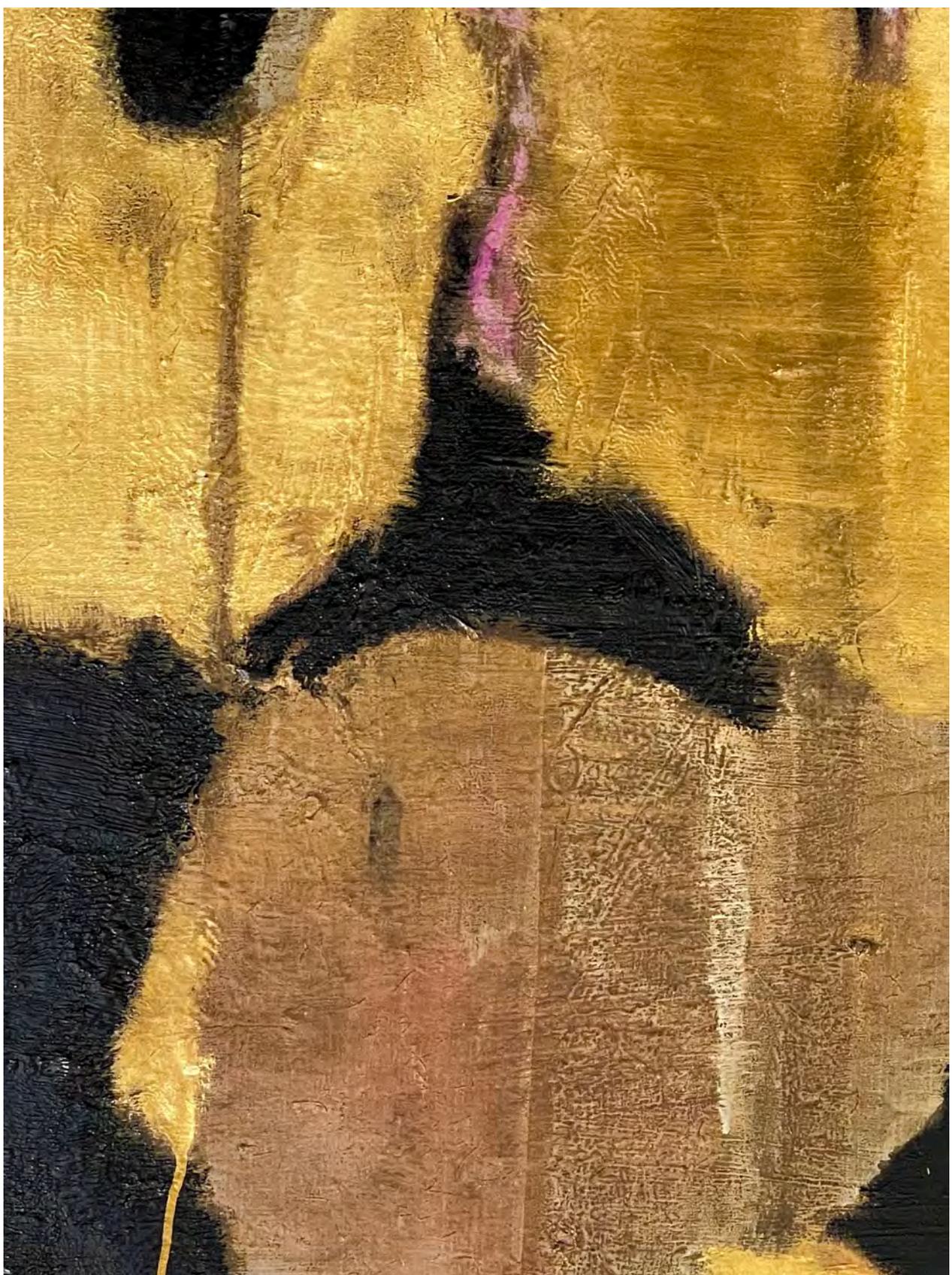
Reza Derakshani
Black Day, White Night
2022
Oil, enamel and tar on canvas
183 x 244 cm







Reza Derakshani
Day Rose Gold Night
2022
Oil, enamel gold and tar on canvas
220 x 180 cm





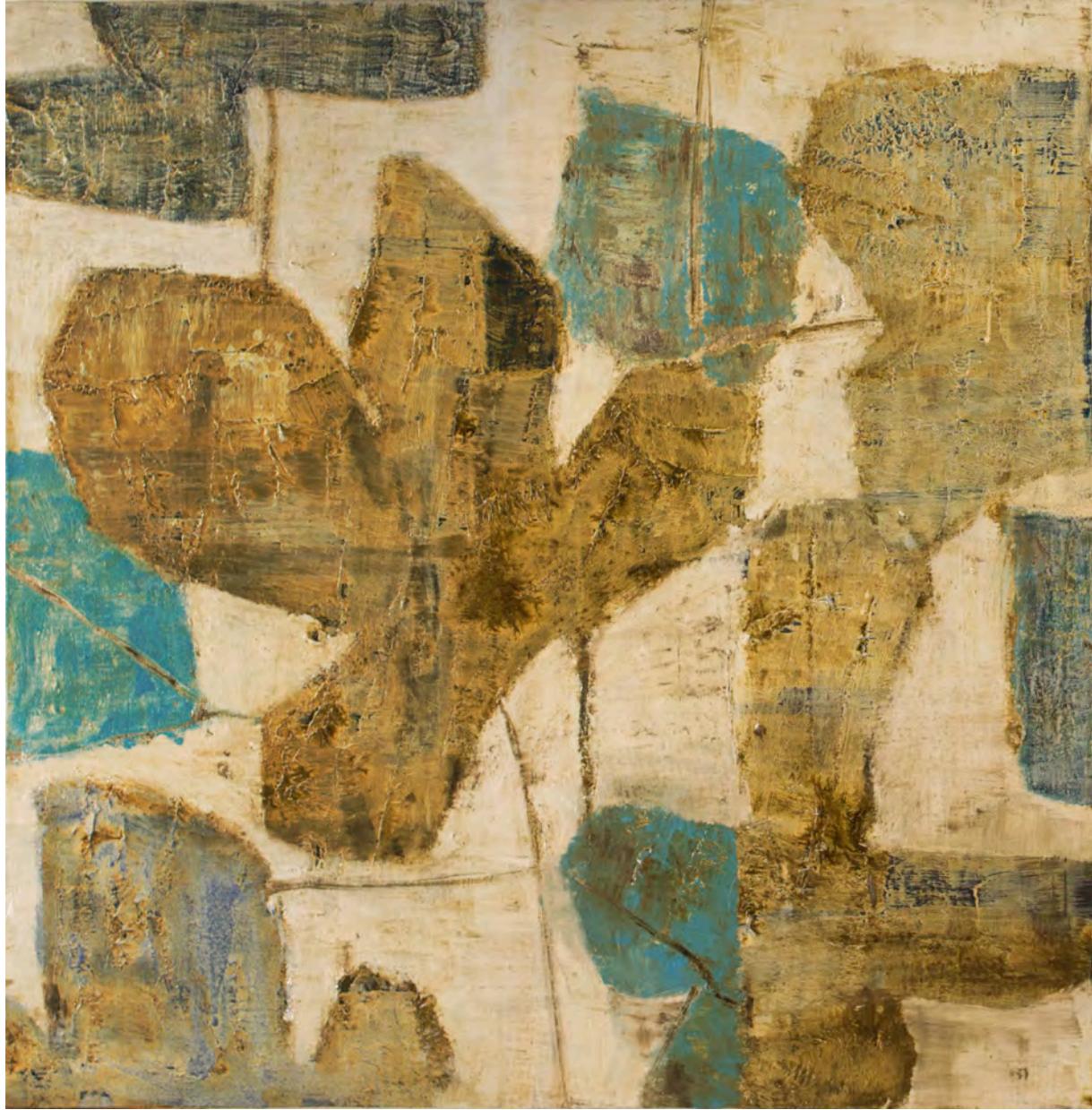


Reza Derakshani
Lily Night, Lily Day
2022

Enamel, gold and tar on canvas
127 x 305 cm



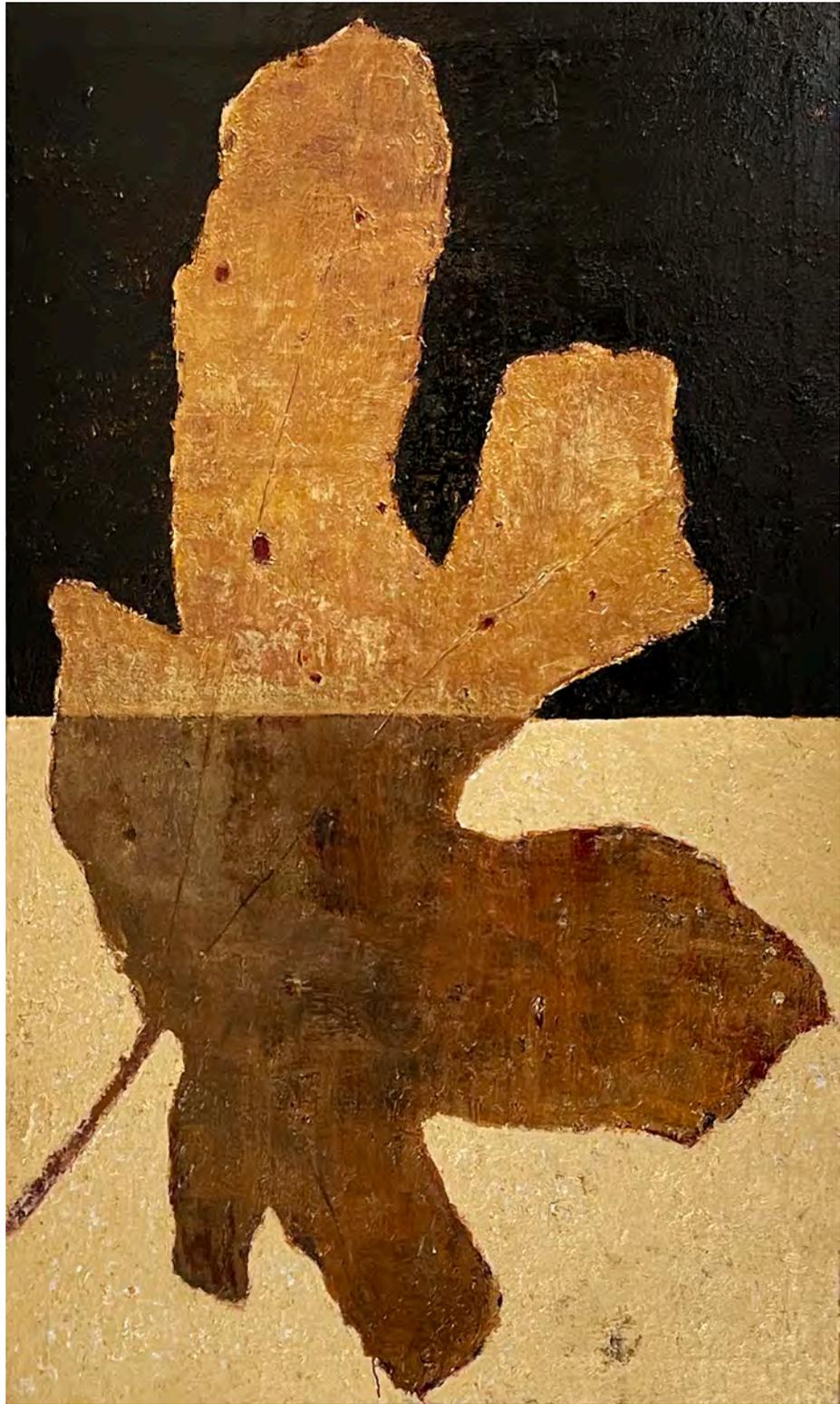






Reza Derakshani
Turquoise Summer Day
2014
Enamel, gold and tar on canvas
122 x 244 cm





Reza Derakshani
Lonely Leaf
2022
Oil, enamel gold and tar on canvas
203 x 127 cm



Reza Derakshani
Red Fig Night
2021
Oil, enamel and tar on canvas
198 x 178 cm





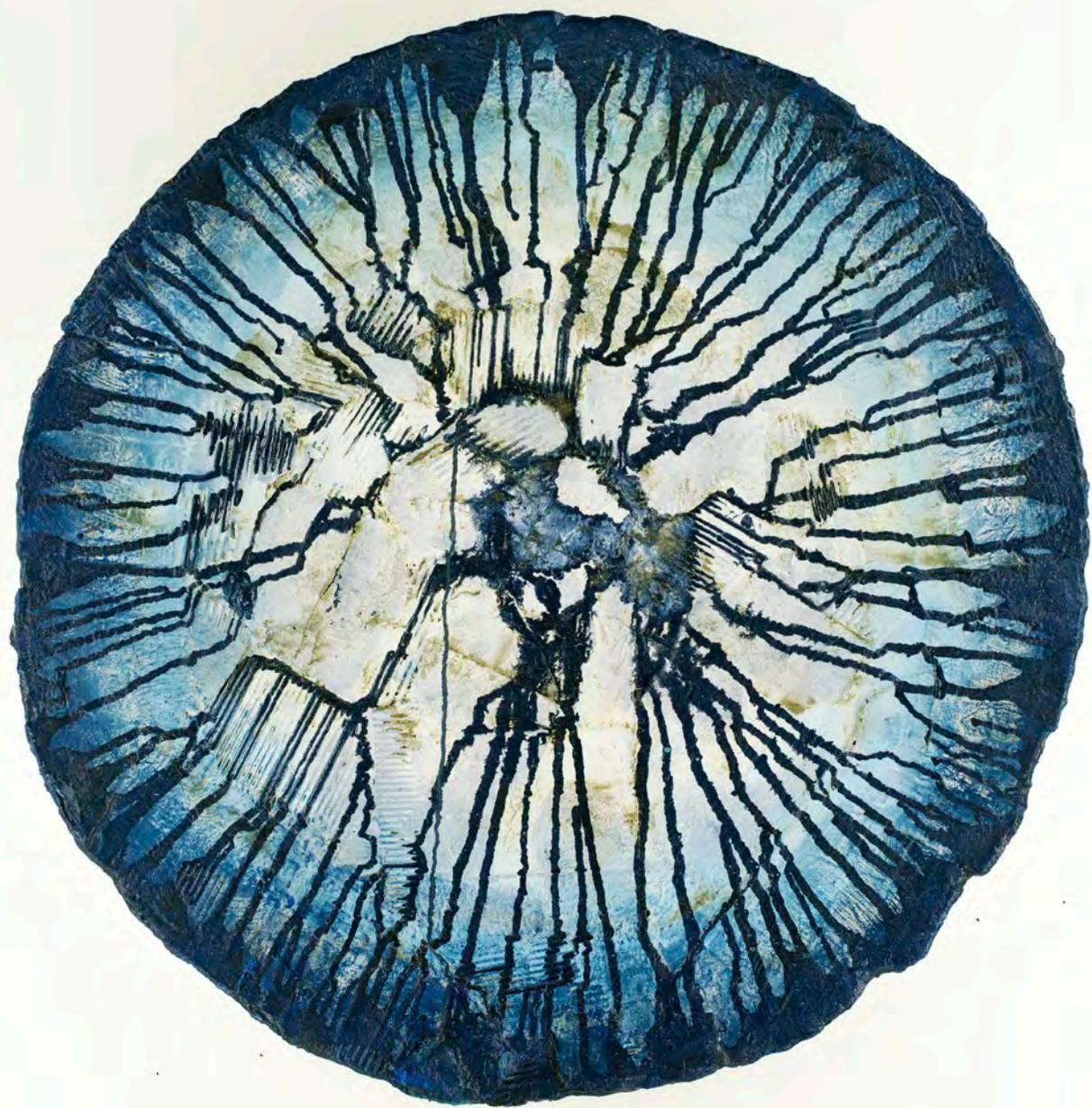


Reza Derakshani
A Cut of Day
2022
Mixed media on shaped fiberglass
100 x 10 cm



Reza Derakshani
A Cut of Night
2022
Mixed media on shaped fiberglass
102 x 10 cm





Reza Derakshani
Early Morning Sensation
2022
Mixed media on shaped fiberglass
102 x 10 cm



Reza Derakshani
Night Inhaling the Light
2022
Mixed media on shaped fiberglass
100 x 10 cm

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