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HOT ART: SACCOCCIO'S COLOR MAZES

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Abstract painter Jackie Saccoccio's new exhibition is titled "Portraits."

Yet you'd be hard-pressed to discern a face among the pours, drips, rivulets and washes of color at Eleven Rivington gallery on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

The paint formed intricate, layered masses as it was moved around by rotating and tilting the canvas. It's crackled in some places, like an Old Master.

In others, bubblegum-pink and apple-green burst through black webs or purple clouds. The brush is used to enhance or tame the

drippings -- although there's nothing tame about these unsettling labyrinths of color.

The paintings are \$17,500. The exhibition runs through April 22 at 11 Rivington St.; +1-212-982-1930; http://www.elevenrivington.com.