



Paintings by Angel Otero. PIC COURTESY/ LEHMANN MAUPIN GALLERY, NEW YORK

## Scraping for meaning

Puerto-Rican visual artist Angel Otero says he likes to challenge conventional painting techniques through his work. He talks about his collection, which will be showcased for the first time in the city

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Chicago-based Puerto Rican artist Angel Otero says he finds inspiration in the chapter of his life spent in Puerto Rico.

"I like creating a sense of abundance, unbalance, ambition, courage and persistence within form, colour and texture in every painting," he says.

Otero uses a process in which paint is poured on glass, after drying it is scraped or peeled off in sheets, referred to as Oil Skins, which are then applied on to a canvas.

"Some of the paintings are figurative and some are abstract," says the artist about his collection, which will be showcased in the city, followed by showings in the US, London and Milan.

"There are some collectors who have my work, but this is the first time that I will be exhibiting my works here," says the artist who also claims inspiration from familial relationships.



Puerto Rican painter Angel Otero. PIC COURTESY/ LEHMANN MAUPIN GALLERY, NEW YORK

### Foreign land

Otero admits to not knowing much about the country, specifically in terms of its history and culture, which is also why, the 31-year-old artist says, he hopes to return soon. "I was really looking forward to coming here. And now that I have, I would love to come back and showcase my work. I love Mumbai."

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