Artist: Alexis Kyriak.

Described by: Janet Van Fleet.

Title: Rainforest Nude.

Medium: acrylic on canvas.

Description: Alexis Kyriak’s acrylic on canvas painting, “Rainforest Nude,” is 36 inches tall and 24 inches wide. There is a soft-edged quality to the paint in this piece, combined with a clarity and intensity of pigment that is reminiscent of pastel. In the upper half of the painting is a female figure, shown from the waist up in Caucasian flesh tones.

Her face, looking left, is rounded but featureless, except for an ear and a mass of frizzy brown hair falling over, and obscuring, her right shoulder and breast. Above, and perhaps intertwined with the hair, hangs a branch with leaves illuminated from behind. On the right, her shoulder and arm suddenly terminate in a rounded black shape.

The breast next to the truncated arm has a red nipple covered by a dark shadow that continues on the underside of the breast. Sweeping up from a forest-green triangle in the lower left half of the painting is a series of lines, each larger at the bottom and narrower at the top, that suggests the trailing edge of a bird’s wing or the pleats or gatherings of a skirt, with the smaller ends stopping in a dark space between the shadowed breast and the stump of the figure’s left arm.