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530 West 25th St., Chelsea, New York

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Opening Reception: Thursday, August 19th, 6-8pm
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Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11am-6pm
Paul M. Cote stumbled upon art in his search to find his spirit and self. For him, art comes from an emotional place within, an unleashing of previously hidden energies that finally found a home on canvas. Borne from this discovery are Cote’s signature topographic and planetary images that are at once real and surreal, brimming with color and energy. Elements and forms are imbued with meaning, a clashing of raw instinct and the cerebral that allows us to see the fire contained within.

Here the paint is not merely applied to the canvas. Rather, it is heavily layered, swirled around, rising and falling and creating elevation, texture, and an overall sculpted appearance. The resulting celestial visions are both primitive and elegant, eluding definition as images range from realistic renderings to abstractions. Colors span the spectrum and levels of intensity, from muted to vibrant, and forms are at times heavy but also delicate. Whatever the context, in the end Cote’s canvases hum with energy, infused with a passion that has come to life through the layers of paint.
Un Invicto Nuovo  Acrylic on Canvas  36” x 96”

Splash  Mixed Media on Canvas  30” x 96”
Solar  Acrylic on Canvas  36" x 48"

Protection  Acrylic on Canvas  48" x 60"
Heavens Gate  Acrylic on Canvas  36" x 40"

Liquos  Acrylic on Canvas  30" x 40"
Hell  Acrylic on Canvas  36" x 40"

H2N2  Acrylic on Canvas  48" x 48"
Planet Gason  Acrylic on Canvas  36” x 36”

Planet Vert  Acrylic on Canvas  36” x 36”
Holocaust Door  Mixed Media on Canvas  72” x 48”

Wormhole  Acrylic on Canvas  48” x 36”
Guardians of Love...Butterflies  Mixed Media on Canvas  80” x 30”

Galaxy Rouge  Acrylic on Canvas  72” x 36”