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Tushev uses pigments that contain high concentrations of iron and exposes it to magnets in an exhibit on display now at the Santa Monica Museum of Art.



As *Huffington Post*'s art blogger Tracey Harnish [describes it](#): Georgi Tushev's paintings in *Strange Attractor* push up and away from their surface. Erupting from a flat plane, geographical land shifts and formations occur in their primal state.

The exhibit on display now through Feb. 25 at [Santa Monica Museum of Art](#) is the first Los Angeles show for Tushev.

He presents paintings and a work on paper that investigate the effects of oil paint when exposed to extreme magnetic fields. He

uses pigments that contain high concentrations of iron that, when exposed to magnets, create textured, three-dimensional surfaces, where paint seemingly explodes off the picture plane.

Tushev was born in Bulgaria and lives and works in New York City. He earned a graduate degree from the National Academy of Fine Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria, and completed a residency at the Santa Fe Art Institute, New Mexico, and a Master Class of Painting in Amsterdam with painter Markus Lupertz.

Tushev's work has been represented in solo exhibitions in San Francisco at Noma Gallery and in Sofia, Bulgaria, at XXL Gallery.