

PETER OPHEIM
SWEET DREAMS



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“I feel that deep inside us there is a universe. And another universe next to that. And another. And another.

I am interested in capturing the warmth, compassion, humor and love that makes us human.

I have tried to create the figures in my paintings to tell us about our shared humanity. It is an imaginary universe.

I consider them warriors.

A kind wind gently delivers the baby seed to its birthplace in the ground. It is nourished by soil and rain until it blossoms in the sun. Roots hidden below are quietly conversing with worms. A dragonfly smiles and rests its mighty legs on a fresh leaf. A pearlescent beetle goes for a swim in the shade. Petals licking the sky above are whispering I love you and shouting a new seed into the violently blue summer sky.”

- Peter Opheim

front: *Poppy*, 2023, oil on canvas, 42 x 40 inches



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