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Joan Semmel in Chelsea

Alexander Gray Associates in Chelsea will open “Joan Semmel: New Work” next Thursday with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. The show will continue through Oct. 15.

The recent paintings and drawings by Ms. Semmel, who has a house in Springs, continue the representation of her own likeness as a site to consider the aging female body as an active, potent vessel for life and art. In the new work she applies saturated abstract colors in a variety of styles, sometimes in linear strokes, others in flat swaths of pigment. Her work continues to transcend traditional notions of scale and color.