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A series of enormous canvases filled with gracefully juxtaposed organic forms will encircle the gallery of the Berkeley Art Center on October 23. The paintings, representing the work of the past two years by Arne Hiersoux, a local artist and graduate of the University of California - Berkeley, will be on display through November 27.

The current exhibit is a series of non-objective paintings which repeat and elaborate on the theme of opposition of organic and geometric forms. Hiersoux's images are constructed of ambiguous submerged forms juxtaposed with rigid bars of color that establish the surface plane of the canvas. Through use of flux and stability the artist incorporates both romantic and classical elements into his paintings.

Hiersoux works with airbrush and thin washes of acrylic poured directly onto raw canvas. His scale is extreme; the large forms amply fill the dimensions of his paintings which range from 8' x 15' to 8' x 20' in size. However, the bold scale is tempered by a subtle palette of light blues, violets and silver, and a delicately treated surface.

Arne Hiersoux has shown previously at the Richmond Art Center, 1962; the Legion of Honor, 1963; the Hansen Gallery in San Francisco, 1964; the San Francisco Museum, 1964; and Mills College, 1966.

A prevue of the show will be held on Thursday, October 23 from 7 to 10 PM. The public is invited to attend. The Berkeley Art Center is located at 1275 Walnut Street, 1 block east of Shattuck Avenue and 1/2 block north of Rose Street at Berryman Path in Live Oak Park. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 11 AM to 5 PM. The gallery is closed on Mondays.