

**'McQueen' continued**

In McQueen's case, it's the hexagon that forms the building blocks of her aesthetic language.

"All chemical compounds break down into hexagons," Sue explains. "It's a geometric shape that unifies and underlies everything in the world."

From honeycombs and snowflakes to the tiling patterns found in quartz crystals and on the skin of most fruits, the hexagon abounds in the natural world. They're in vanilla, sugar, amino acids and even DNA. They're not just confined to our puny little planet. There's also a hexagon cloud pattern around the north pole of Saturn that's twice the size of Earth.

"I honestly never thought that I'd combine art, science, and math but there's a lot of all of that in my work," notes McQueen with a sense of surprise and reverence. But without question, the hexagon strikes a responsive chord in viewers.

"They call out to us. They're throughout our bodies, in every atom and chemical compound. They resonate with people, whether they realize it or not."

While people from 8 to 80 are mesmerized by her compositions, McQueen especially enjoys the



*Sue McQueen.*

reactions of the children who come into her booth with their parents.

"My favorite was this one little girl, who exclaimed, 'Mom, they're alive!'"

And for their part, Baby Boomers find McQueen's

paintings pleasingly nostalgic, with the vibrant colors, black light, and bioluminescence reminding them of the art posters and album covers of the 1960s and '70s.



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