

Painter Brings Magic to Art

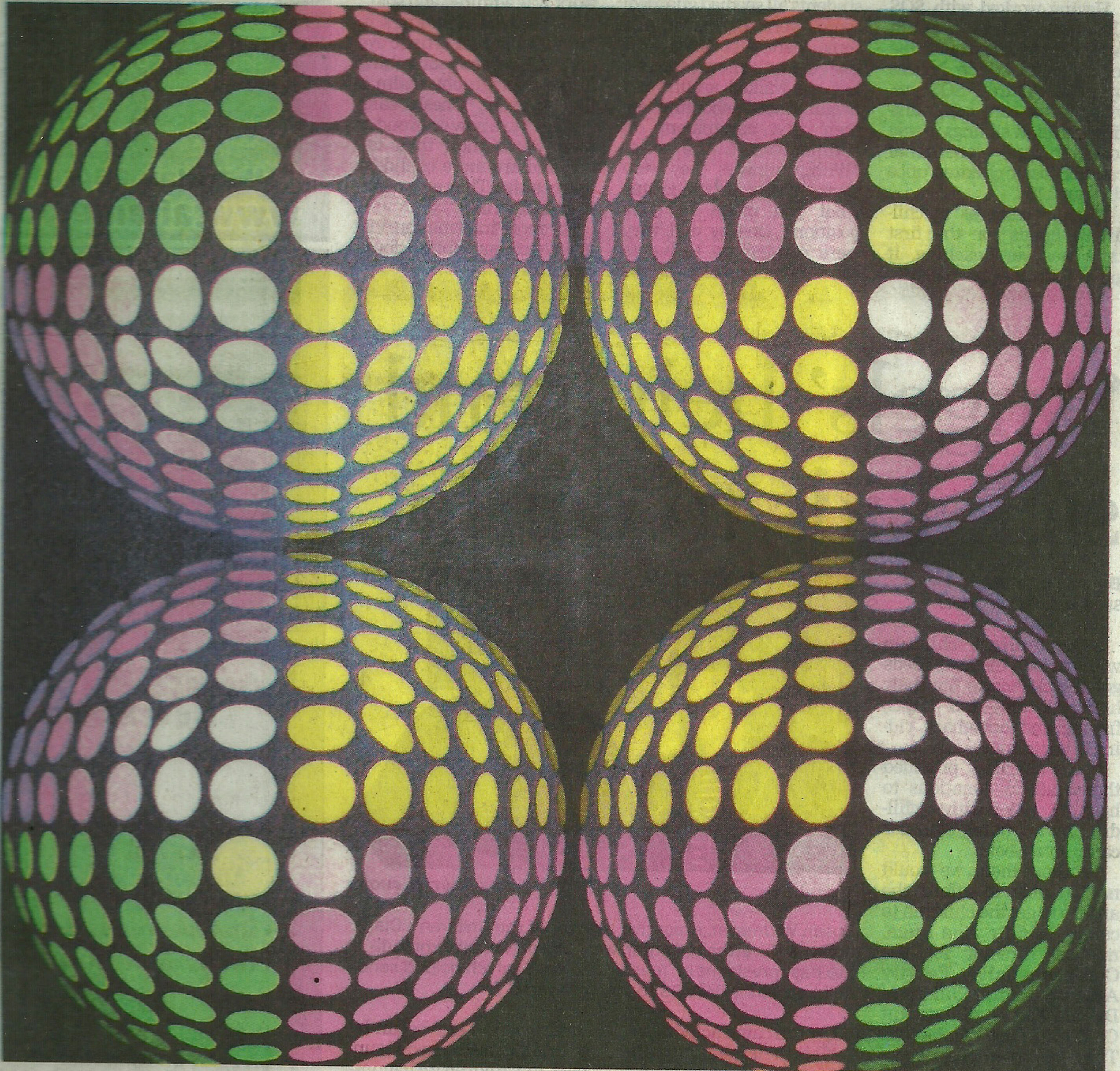


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The abstract paintings of Stanford Slutsky, on display at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, are inspired by magic and childhood.

Exhibit on display at Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale

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Stanford Slutsky began his budding art career at a young age. He recalls finding some clay on the ground on his way to school at age 5 or 6.

"I started unearthing clay and making figures and sculptures on the ground,"

said Slutsky, 68, of Delray Beach. "I set them out in the sun. When I got to school, my teacher told me to go home. She said, 'You're filthy and dirty.' I forgot I had clay all over my face."

The story is representative of Slutsky's complete immersion into his art. He's never quite conscious of the time it takes to complete a piece — though he esti-

mates around 300 hours — preferring to say, "I never look at my watch when I'm having sex ... meaning that art is my passion. I love doing it."

His resume includes a selection in the 54th All Florida Competition at the Boca Raton Museum of Art and a Best in Show

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