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HIGHER THAN THE SUN 2

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ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

After the resounding success of the first collaboration, Volery Gallery, Dubai and Stems Gallery, Brussels, are delighted to present "*Higher Than The Sun 2: A Continual Journey*". This sequel to our previous group exhibition, opening April 1, continues to explore the serene and introspective themes that captivated audiences last time.

"*Higher Than The Sun 2*" expands on the narrative established in the first exhibition, showcasing a new selection of contemporary artists who have a flourishing relationship with Stems Gallery. This sequel brings to the Middle East art scene a fresh lineup of talents, some yet to be discovered by our discerning audience. This edition features Cody Brown, Nick Doyle, Liz Markus, Shaina McCoy, Olivier Souffrant, and Aryo Toh Djojo.

Drawing inspiration once again from Primal Scream's "*Higher Than the Sun*", this exhibition delves deeper into the moments of tranquil bliss and personal epiphanies. Each piece is a testament to the notion that peace and contentment can be found in the simplest of moments.

The exhibition is a celebration of life's fleeting, yet profound experiences. It's an artistic meditation on finding peace and joy in the present, unburdened by the shadows of yesterday or the uncertainties of tomorrow. The exhibition is a visual symphony that echoes the song's lyrics, inviting viewers to immerse themselves in a world where time stands still, and the soul soars high.

In continuing with the theme of inner peace and appreciation for the present moment, this exhibition not only offers a visual feast but also an emotional journey. As viewers traverse through the gallery, they are invited to connect with the art on a personal level, finding echoes of their own experiences and aspirations within each piece.

Through this collaborative effort, Volery Gallery and Stems Gallery reaffirm their commitment to showcasing the pulse of contemporary art. "*Higher Than The Sun 2: A Continual Journey*" promises to be more than just an exhibition; it's a portal to a world where art transcends physical boundaries, connecting hearts and minds across cultures and geographies.

We warmly invite you to join us on this continued journey – a journey that promises to elevate not just our spirits but also our understanding and appreciation of the contemporary art narrative.



Liz Markus, *Alabaster*, 2023. Acrylic on canvas, 152.4 x 121.9 cm

ABOUT STEMS GALLERY

Stems Gallery is a young emerging gallery based in Brussels. The gallery opened in 2015 by brother and sister Pascaline and Guillaume Smets. The gallery exhibits the work of emerging artists, with a particular focus on introducing contemporary American artists to European audiences.

Highlighting work in all mediums and formats, including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, video, and installation, the gallery's program is driven by intuition and curiosity rather than any rigidly defined criteria. Each exhibition is the result of a close collaboration between the gallery and the artist or curator, allowing artists to communicate their individual creative visions and to witness the energy and dynamism of the Belgian art scene.

ABOUT THE GALLERY

Founded in 2020 by **Rom Levy**, Volery Gallery promotes artists whose art is best described as the New Contemporary Wave. Established in Dubai, the hub of business in the Middle East and Africa, the gallery features the most prominent international artists. Following the migration patterns, they will fly out from all over the world on a murmuration to the golden aviary, where the gallery offers them an elite location in the heart of the city to share their vision.

Through collaborations with various galleries and curators Volery runs exhibitions over the year which aim to offer the Middle East the exposure to the latest happenings in the international contemporary art world. Located in Dubai International Financial Center the gallery is accessible through appointments only.



Nick Doyle
Lay To Rest
2023
Dyed denim on custom panel
108 x 74.3 cm



Shaina McCoy
Let the Choir Sing
2023
Oil on canvas (framed)
76.2 x 61 cm



Coady Brown
Bouquet #16
2023
Oil on canvas
76.2 x 61 cm



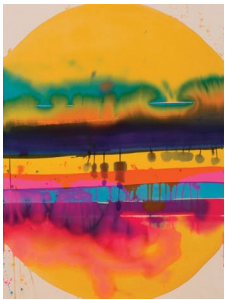
Shaina McCoy
Unk Otis
2023
Oil on canvas (framed)
76.2 x 61 cm



Coady Brown
Moonside
2023
Oil on canvas
61 x 50.8 cm



Aryo Toh Djojo
Sure
2023
Acrylic on canvas
50.8 x 61 cm



Liz Markus
Hollywood
2023
Acrylic on canvas
121.9 x 91.4 cm



Olivier Souffrant
Cinco 2 Trey
2023
Acrylic and archival
CMYK ink on canvas
203 x 203 cm



Liz Markus
Alabaster
2023
Acrylic on canvas
152.4 x 121.9 cm



Liz Markus
Meteorite
2023
Acrylic on canvas
152.4 x 121.9 cm