



Over The Influence presents

Adlane Samet

We are Clowns

15 July to 27 August 2023



The crazy tightrope walker, Acrylic on canvas, 162x130cm, 2022

Over the Influence, Los Angeles, is pleased to present *We are Clowns*, Adlane Samet's first exhibition with the gallery and his second exhibition with Over the Influence worldwide. The exhibition is on view from July 15 to August 27, 2023.

Adlane Samet's artistic style is reminiscent of the expressive and raw art movements of Expressionism and Art Brut. With a delicate balance between aggression and sensitivity, his brushstrokes convey the tumultuous emotions that lie beneath the vibrant colors and captivating compositions. Drawing inspiration from the uninhibited drawings of children, Samet embraces a spontaneous approach, liberating himself from the confines of academic realism and shedding the burdensome weight of adulthood.

We are Clowns symbolizes the grand circus of the modern world, where reality unfolds as an awe-inspiring spectacle of continuous performances and acts. Step into the planetary circus, a captivating realm where the extraordinary and the absurd blend harmoniously to present a fascinating and unconventional show. The clowns, as the actors of this existence, embrace a daily mask to confront the ordinary. Behind this facade, they conceal their sorrows, fears, and wounds, fully immersing themselves in the art of clowning. It is this particular aspect of the clown persona that captivates Adlane in his craft. From the daring tightrope walkers to the unpredictable jack-in-the-box, he plunges into a vibrant universe, becoming puppeteers who give voice to these characters. His objective is to delve as deeply as possible into the human hypocrisy hidden behind the clown's mask. He is the clown who paints with a palette of colors, all the while concealing his own wounds.

Amidst the apparent chaos, a glimmer of hope persists. Just like in any remarkable circus performance, moments of beauty and authenticity shine through, reminding us of the inherent magic that lies within our world. The artist warmly invites the public to find a seat and surrender to a captivating spectacle, where the limits of imagination cease to exist. Within this extraordinary experience, one is encouraged to let go, allowing themselves to be swept away by a truly unparalleled journey. It is an invitation to embrace the boundless realm of creativity and let the imagination soar freely.

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Adlane Samet in his studio in Marseille, France

Adlane Samet, born in Algeria in 1989, is an expressionist painter based in France. Samet completed his education in Algiers, the capital of Algeria, where he also studied at the School of Fine Arts. Samet defines himself as a painter of instinctive moments. His work shows affinities with the movement of free Expressionism and Art Brut movements. Structured by an incisive, sometimes sensitive but at other times aggressive stroke, Adlane paints in acrylics but makes room for the purity of the medium with its transparency and bright color variations.

Over The Influence

OTI was founded in Hong Kong in 2015, expanding to Los Angeles in 2018 and Bangkok in 2022. The gallery is now establishing itself in Europe with its first space in Paris' 8th arrondissement, which opened in July 2022. Over The Influence is dedicated to championing artists who challenge traditional approaches, presenting a dynamic program that explores the intersection between contemporary art, architecture, design, music, fashion, and other forms of visual expression. The gallery represents an international selection of emerging and established artists working in various media and disciplines.

Opening reception

Saturday 15 July 2023 from 5 PM to 8 PM

Exhibition Dates

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