



Over The Influence presents
Ben Arpea
Glimmers of Summer
15 September to 21 October 2023



Breakfast in Portofino, 2023, Acrylic on linen canvas, 180 x 150 cm, 70 7/8 x 59 in

Over the Influence, Hong-Kong, is pleased to present *Glimmers of Summer*, an exhibition by Ben Arpea, on view from 15 September to 21 October 2023.

The concept of time has forever bewitched and baffled humanity. In our bustling lives, carried away by the daily tumult, we often find ourselves trapped in a looming future or a lingering past. But what of the present, that fleeting moment that, once gone, becomes a part of the tapestry of memories that shape our narrative?

It's this reflection on time and the present moment that Ben Arpea delves into with his *Glimmers of Summer* exhibition. Capturing the magic of a summer afternoon in the south, he reminds us of the beauty in those suspended moments where each second seems to stretch endlessly, where every instant is lived with rare intensity.

Through a series of vibrant works, Ben Arpea takes us on a sensory journey, capturing specific moments: the tension of a midday tennis match under the sun, the serenity of a shaded lunch with a breathtaking view, the refreshing embrace of a beach swim, the soothing calm of a late-afternoon pool, the introspective contemplation of a Mediterranean horizon. While these scenes are unique, they evoke in each of us memories, emotions, moments when we truly "lived" in the present.

The Mediterranean, with its rich tapestry of cultures, landscapes, and histories, serves as a backdrop to this artistic exploration. It's a region where, under the weight of history and the warmth of the sun, every moment seems to carry a unique depth. Against this backdrop, Ben Arpea's vivid colors and textures aren't mere depictions but invitations to feel, to immerse oneself in these moments, to live them fully.



Ben Arpea in his studio in France

Glimmers of Summer is more than just an exhibition; it's a meditation on the flow of time, a poignant reminder that, despite its inevitable passage, we possess the power to seize, cherish, and fully live each moment.

Allow yourself to be swept away by this ode to summer, to those still moments when the world seems to slow, where the beauty of the present is magnified. Embark on this timeless journey, where time is no longer counted, but lived.

Text written by Ben Arpea

About the artist :

Ben Arpea is a celebrated artist known for his ability to capture the essence of moments and emotions through his vibrant and evocative artworks. With a unique perspective on time and the present, Arpea's "Glimmers of Summer" exhibition offers viewers a captivating journey into the depths of human experience.

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

14 September 2023

Exhibition Dates

15 September au 21 October 2023

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Open from Tuesday to Saturday from 11AM to 7PM

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