



Nicolas Auvray Gallery

Ayline Olukman  
Catalogue of work  
Summer 2023

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Ayline Olukman is a multidisciplinary artist whose work addresses the notion of the unconscious, humanity and wandering. She uses photography, painting, writing and drawing.

Born in Strasbourg, France in 1981, she graduated from the École des Arts Décoratifs in Strasbourg in 2005. Between 2006 and 2015, Ayline Olukman alternated between periods of work in her studio in Strasbourg and trips, which she considered like phases of research to photograph and write.

From this period resulted exhibitions in France, but also in New York, Brussels, Basel, London, Gothenburg, Shanghai or Istanbul and the publication of two books published by Médiapop, Small Eternity (2012) and America (2015), which combine texts and photographs. After a residency in 2015 at Point B in Brooklyn, she settled and worked in New York until 2018. In June 2018 she was nominated as a Voies-Off finalist at the Rencontres de la photographie d'Arles. In October 2018, she participated in the residency of the International Art Center of Shangjin in China. She won the Prize of the Verzasca Foto Festival 2019 (Switzerland), where she is exhibited. Her third book, La Mue, published in 2019, is selected among the best photo books 2019 by the PH Museum. In 2020 she was nominated by Freelens for the Mentor Prize. In 2021, she will have a position as a photographer at the Chamber and the HEAR in Strasbourg. Her fourth book, Elysian Fields, will be published in November 2021 by Médiapop Editions.

### **About the series from the Artist's Statement**

"On the road or by immersing the body in the natural elements, the accompanying series speaks of the desire for freedom. I wanted to make visual the fluid energy of nature that constitutes us and which also constitutes space and memories. For over fifteen years, I have been doing experimental work on images. I don't have a predefined protocol. Empirically and intuitively, I choose to invent a new narration for each work from my photographs transferred to canvas, then reinterpreted in color with paint and glaze. We follow a woman in a road movie that she creates for herself, contemporary epic of a world filled with nostalgia that she appropriates. The body is alive, exalted by the sensations of water, sun and air on the skin. It is a way of communicating that is pre-verbal: the painting is sensual, it's about intimacy. It's a desire to connect to something that feels both personal as well as eternal."

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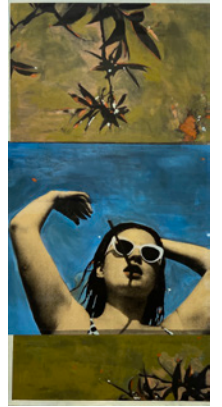
**FRENCH GIRL**  
40" x 48"



**CHEERLEADER**  
41" x 34"



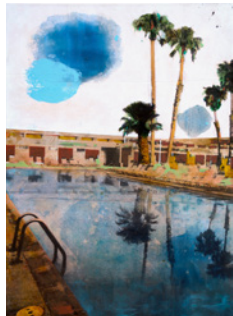
**FIELD MOUNTAIN**  
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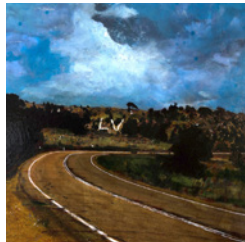
**NADIA**  
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**POOLVIEW HORIZON**  
35.4" x 23.6"



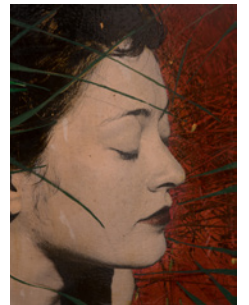
**PALM'S MIRROR**  
27.5" x 20"



**LV ROAD**  
20" x 20"



**FIELD**  
14" x 18"



**EYES CLOSED**  
9" x 12"



**BUSHES**  
35.5" x 47"



**BACKYARD OASIS**  
43" x 63"



**SIERRA MADRE**  
35.8" x 50"





**L.A. BLVD**  
25.5" x 32"



**AUGUST SKY**  
31.5" x 15.7"



**BILBOARD**  
20" x 20"



**PINE DREAM  
DIPTYCH**  
14.25" x 19.75"



FRENCH GIRL

Ayline Olukman - 2022

48"x40" (122x102cm)

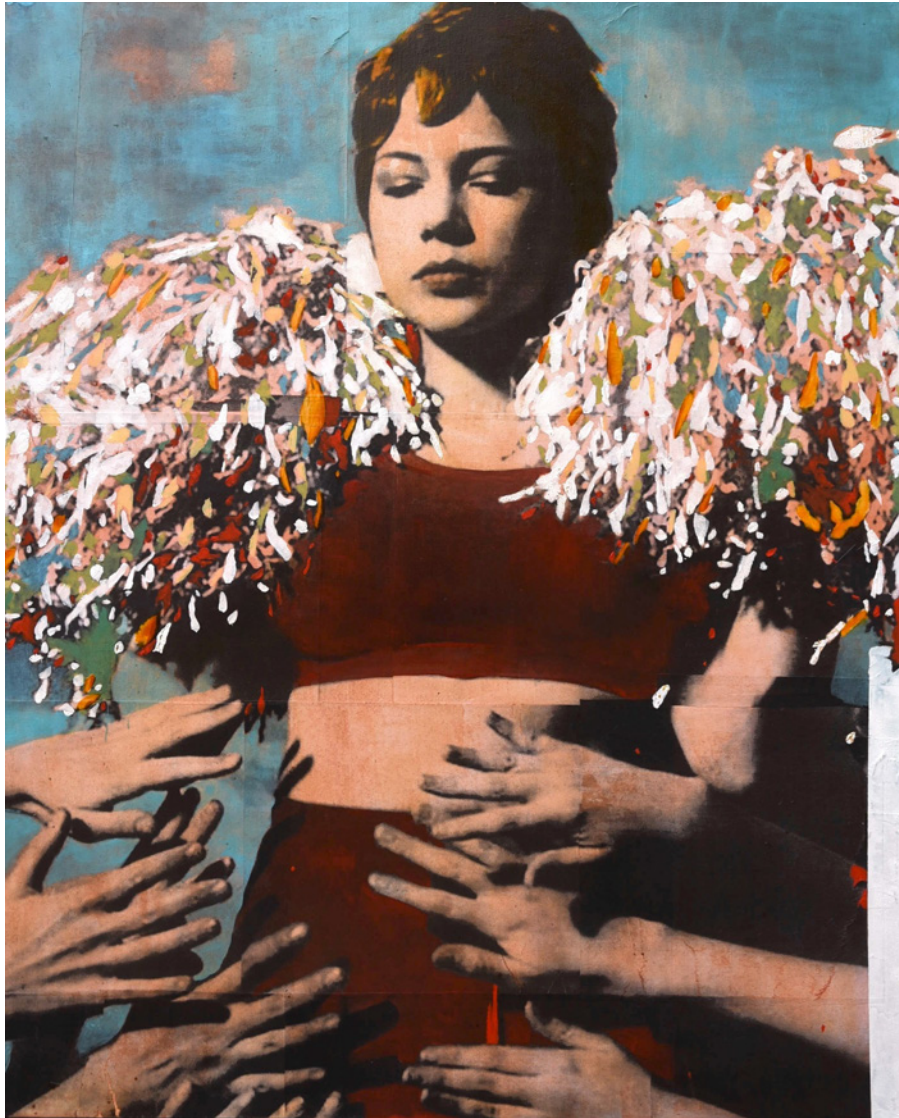
Oil paint and collage on Canvas

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CHEERLEADER

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34"x32.5" (86x83cm)

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EYES CLOSED

Ayline Olukman  
12"x9" (31x23 cm)  
Oil paint and collage on Canvas





NADIA

Ayline Olukman - 2022

32"x16" (80x40cm)

Oil paint and collage on Canvas



AUGUST SKY

Ayline Olukman - 2022

16"x32" (40x80cm)

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FIELD MOUNTAIN

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BACKYARD OASIS

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43" x 63" (110x160cm)

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PINE DREAM DIPTYCH

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L.A. BLVD

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25.5" x 32" (65x81cm)

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LV ROAD

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20"x20" (51x51cm)

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FIELD

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BILBOARD

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20"x20" (51x51cm)

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SIERRA MADRE

Ayline Olukman - 2019

35.8" x 50" (91x127cm)

Oil paint and collage on Canvas

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WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Ayline Olukman - 2022

39.4'x50" (100x50cm)

Oil paint and collage on Canvas

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BUSHES

Ayline Olukman - 2022

47.25"x35" (120x90cm)

Oil paint and collage on CanvasV

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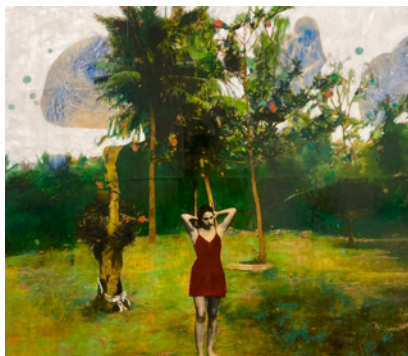


NEW PIECES FOR 2023

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**FLUTTERING**  
9.5" x 12"



**GIRL IN THE GARDEN**  
39" x 47"



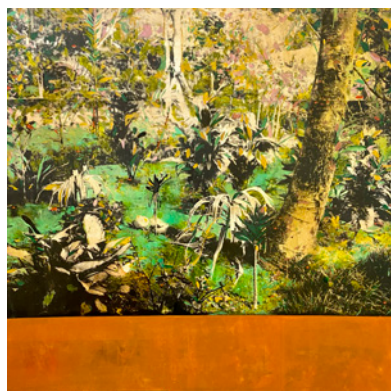
**WANDERER**  
32" x 47"



**THE MEADOW TREE**  
28" x 39"



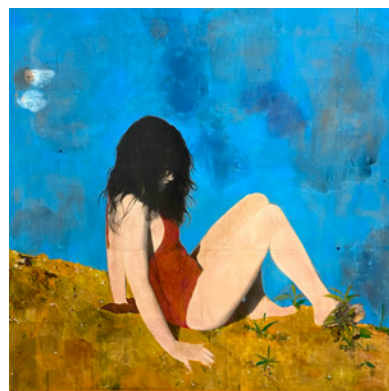
**SOFT WATER**  
16" x 32"



**THE SECRET GARDEN**  
39" x 39"



**SOFT BATHER**  
31.5" x 47"



**LAKESIDE**  
47" x 47"





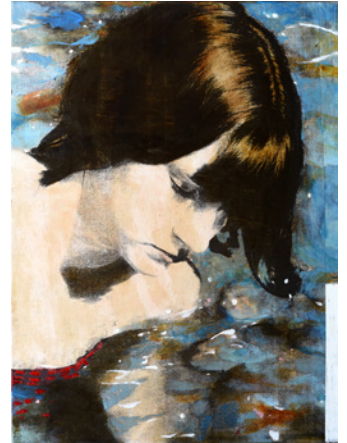
**VALLEY OF PARADISE**  
39" x 55"



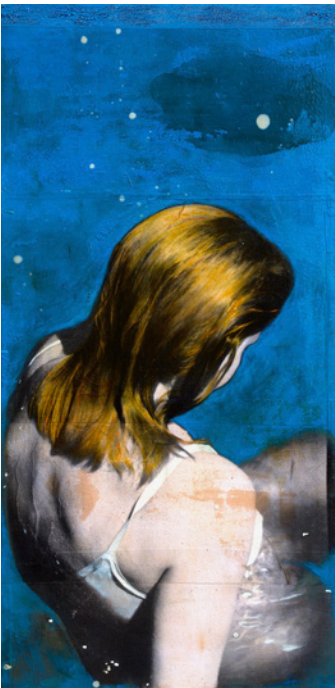
**ORANGE TREE**  
20" x 28"



**THE TREE OF LIFE**  
39" x 59"



**LOU ON WATER**  
16" x 12"



**NYMPHEA**  
16" x 32"



SOFT WATER

Ayline Olukman - 2023

16" x 32" (40x80cm)

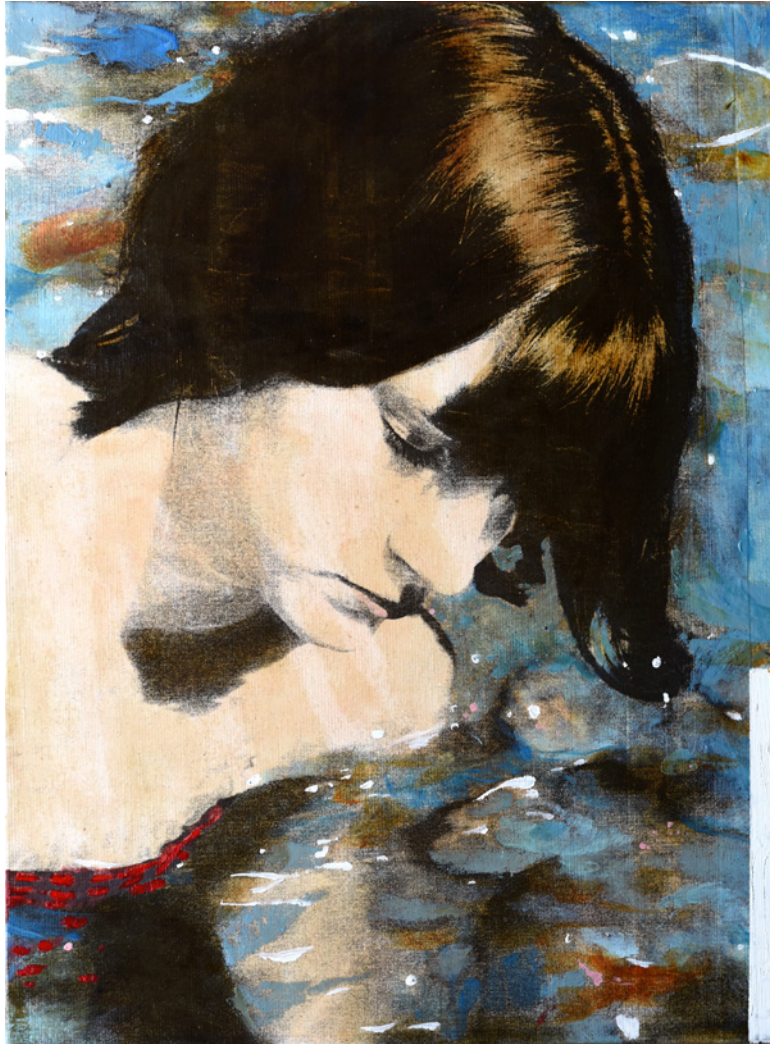
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LOU ON THE WATER

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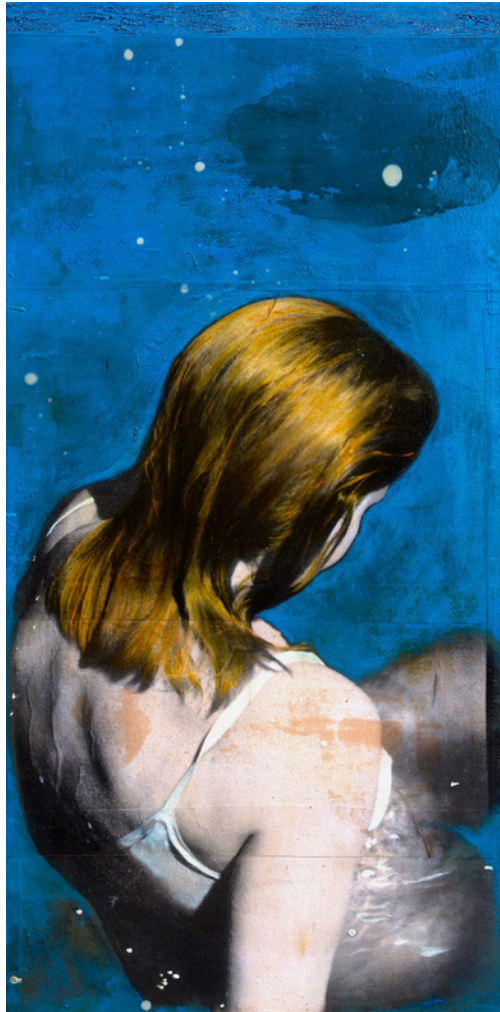
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NYPHEA

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SOFT BATHER

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32" x 47" (80x120cm)

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LAKESIDE

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47 x 47" (120x120cm)

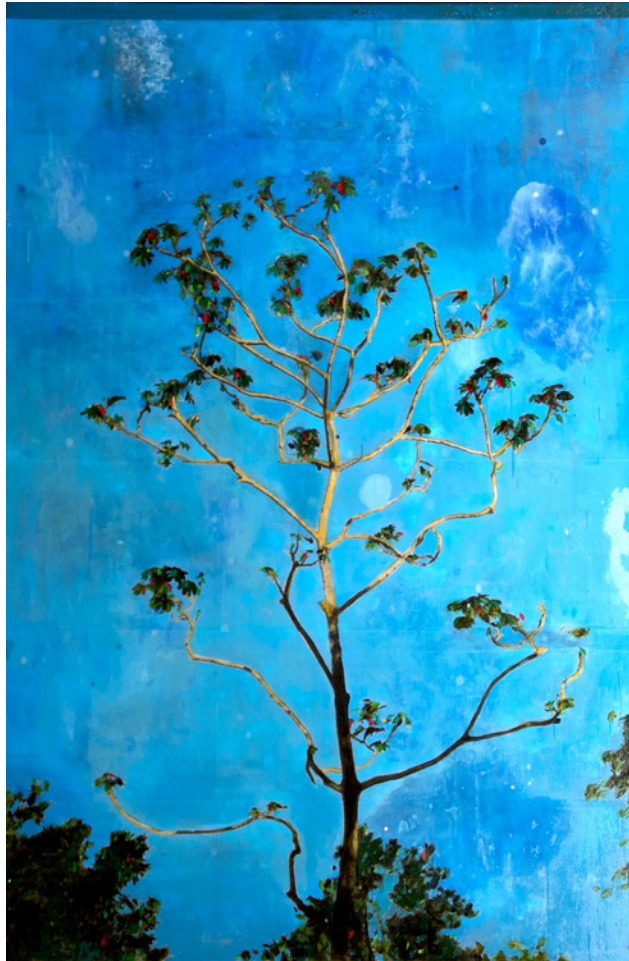
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THE TREE OF LIFE

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39" x 49" (100x150cm)

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FLUTTERING

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VALLEY OF PARADISE

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39" x 55" (100x140cm)

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THE MEADOW TREE

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28" x 39" (70x100cm)

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WANDERER

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ORANGE TREE

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20"x28" (50x70cm)

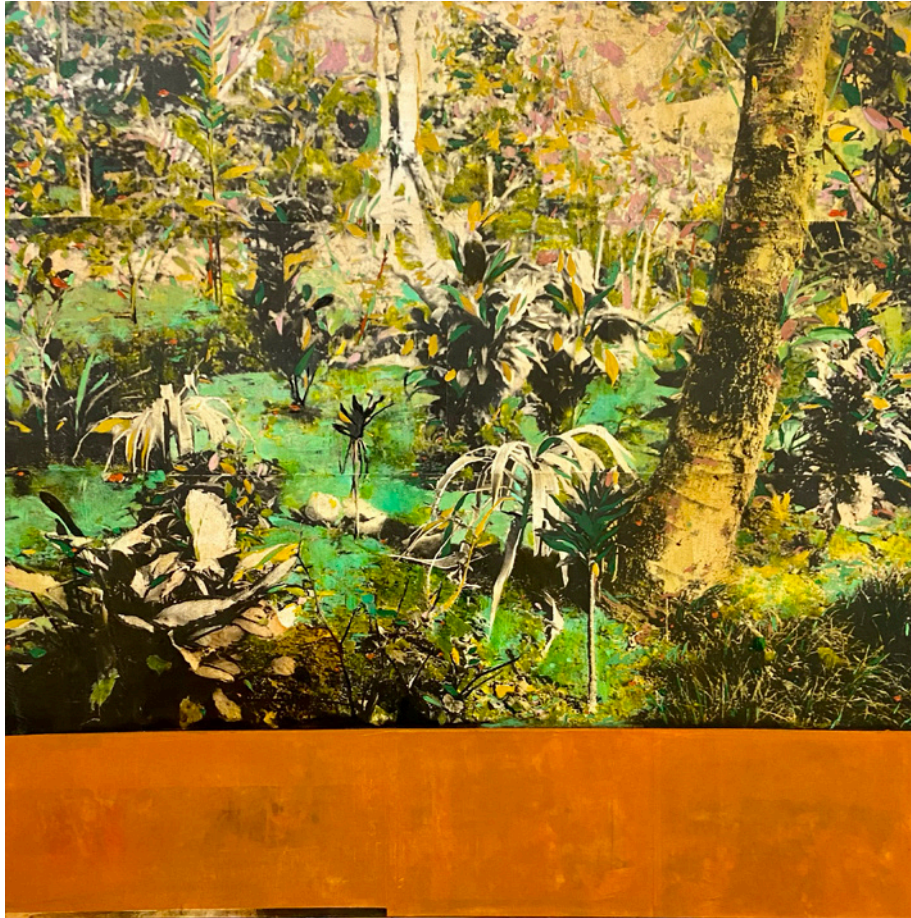
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THE SECRET GARDEN

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GIRL IN THE GARDEN

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## A presentation of Nicolas Auvray Gallery

Nicolas Auvray Gallery works with a selection of both established and emerging contemporary artists, with a main focus on photography. As artists ourselves, through our international travels for exhibitions, festivals and art fairs as well as with our involvement in the NY photographic community at the International Center of Photography NY, we have aligned with fellow artists around the globe and engaged peers with whom we feel a strong connection via their work, subjects and approach.

Nicolas Auvray Gallery provides an active working platform for artists and a genuine opportunity to showcase their work in prestigious locations, affording them access to a select clientele from art fairs, private and public events, corporate clients, interior designers, art consultants as well as private collectors. At Nicolas Auvray Gallery, connoisseurs and collectors are shown a broad selection of exciting artists allowing them to discover new talents.

Nicolas Auvray Gallery aims to support and encourage the creation and development of the artists through the promotion of the work in fairs, institutions and private clients from the proceeds of the artwork sales.

We are drawn to work and artists for whom the physical relationship to the medium is central to the approach and we are passionate about the tangible and material aspect of the media itself. In addition to hand printed silver gelatin prints done in the darkroom, we have a selection of artists who use alternative printing methods such as chemigrams and palladium platinum artworks, as well as photograms where the relationship between the light and the paper is essential. We seek to represent the dynamic range of photographic creation today, from conceptual photography to the re-invented traditional approach.

One common thread that links all our artists is their relationship with primary elements. We look for connections with light, earth, minerals, air, water or heat. We represent work of the highest quality and look for artists with strong narrative of their personal vision in their photographs, either autobiographically as with Jehsong Baak's "one last goodbye" or by a study of their own social environment as we observe in Wendy Paton's "Visage de Nuit" or with the cosmologic research found in the work of Antonia Kuo. Founded by photographer, fine art printer and ICP member Nicolas Auvray, Nicolas Auvray Gallery is based in New York.

**Ayline Olukman : CV and Exhibitions****RESIDENCIES**

2018 (1 month) ADEFC Shangjin International Art Center - China

2013 (3 months) POINT B Brooklyn - USA

**BOOKS**

2021 - Elysian Fields - Médiapop Edition

2019 - La mue - Médiapop Edition

2019 - Parution - PhotoBook Vol3 - Fisheye

2015 - America - Médiapop Edition - Collection Sublime

2012 - Small Eternity - Médiapop Edition - Collection Sublime

**CONFERENCE**

2020 - Biennale de Photographie Mulhouse, France.

2019 - La mue Lecture - Verzasca Foto Festival, Switzerland.

2019 - Study day on the presence of women in art. Mulhouse University, France.

2017 - Psyché presentation - International Center Photography. New York, USA.

2015 - Wandering and presence presentation - PointB residency. Brooklyn, USA.

**SELECTION SOLO EXHIBITION**

March 2022 Sea Scape - Galerie des remparts - Bordeaux - France.

October 2021 Indian summer - Galerie Bertrand Gillig - Strasbourg, France.

March 2021 Where the wild things are - Galerie Artima - Paris, France.

November 2019 Galerie des Remparts - Bordeaux, France.

September 2019 Verzasca Foto Festival - solo show - Switzerland.

April 2017 Where the summer goes - Galerie Artima- London.

March 2017 Kissing the sun - Massey&Luyben gallery NYC.

February 2017 Ce sentiment d'été - Galerie Bertrand Gillig - Strasbourg, France.

November 2016 Partie de campagne - Galerie Artima - Paris, France.

September 2016 Suspended moment - Waltman Ortega Gallery - Miami.

March 2015 Impossible passion - AlanIstanbul Gallery. Istanbul -Turkey.

September 2014 Les paradis perdus - Galerie Bertrand Gillig - Strasbourg - France.

November 2012 Midcentury oasis Galerie Artima – Paris, France.

June 2012 the suspended moment Alan Istanbul Gallery – Istanbul - Turkey.

March 2009 Elysian fields galerie Artima- Paris, France.

**SELECTION COLLECTIVE EXHIBITION**

March 2022 Vivo Ange Monnoyeur Gallery -Lisboa, Portugal.

November 2021 Echoe of silence - Ange Monnoyeur Gallery - Paris, France.

June 2020 Ciel ouvert - Ange Monnoyeur Gallery - Paris, France.

October 2019 Luxembourg Art Fair - Galerie Bertrand Gillig - Luxembourg.

July 2018 Finalistes du festival Voies-off - Arles, France.

January 2018 DayDream - Waltman Ortega Gallery - Miami.

February 2016 Behond territories - Waltman Ortega Gallery - Miami.

December 2015- Bertrand Delacroix Gallery- New York.

November 2015/2014/2013/2012 St'art Art fair. Galerie Bertrand Gillig -Strasbourg - France.

November 2015/ 2014 / 2013 CI art fair- Istanbul - AlanIstanbul Gallery.

March 2014 Scope Art fair New York- Galerie Bertrand Gillig.

April 2008 Art shanghai - Licorn Asia - China



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