

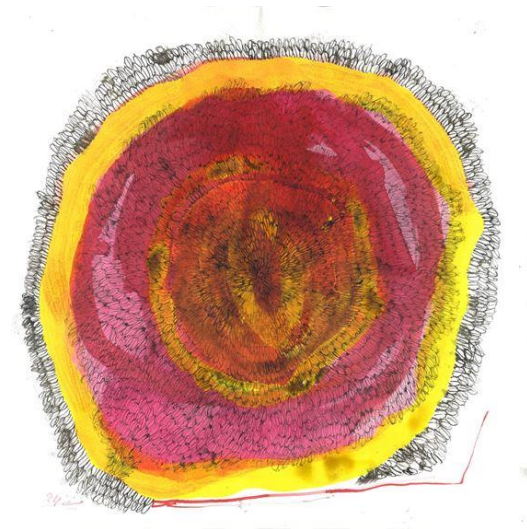
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## **Mutual Art**

Monif Ajaj: Shams

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Fann À Porter is delighted to present Shams, the first solo exhibition at our gallery by Monif Ajaj (b. 1968, Deir Ezzour). The exhibition unveils new ink drawings on paper and acrylic paintings on canvas that reflect on the mystical power of nature, its geometry and order, and the existential questions it raises about human nature.

In the Dordogne region of southwest France, where the artist lives, Ajaj spent many summers among the fields of sunflowers, which became both subject and symbol. Each summer, these fields were transformed into living canvases, where bold yellows, blues, and greens melded in harmony. Drawing inspiration from

that scene, this body of work brings the sunflower into dialogue with the snake motif. While the sunflower follows light, embodying warmth and optimism, the snake carries layered meanings: in Western art and mythology, a signifier of temptation and betrayal; in other traditions, a symbol of renewal and healing. The works invite viewers to consider that within darkness lies the potential for renewal.

Founder of Fann À Porter, Ghada Kunash, says:

"[Monif Ajaj's work](#) captures the poetry of nature while exploring profound human truths. We are proud to present his first solo exhibition with us, offering viewers a journey through color, symbolism, and contemplation."