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Shams (Monif Ajaj)

Fann A Porter Gallery, The Workshop

September 30 to October 30, 2025

The first solo exhibition of Syrian artist Monif Ajaj at Fann A Porter gallery explores the mystical powers of nature with symbolic metaphors of sunflowers and snakes. Ajaj's ink drawings on paper and acrylic paintings on canvas capture sunflowers found abundantly in the Dordogne region of southwest France, where he is based. The artist creates a visual dialogue with sunflowers and the snake motifs showcasing how sunflowers follow light and snakes symbolise temptation and betrayal, that can also lead to renewal and healing. The exhibition invites viewers to consider that, from within darkness lies transformation.