

una exposición de Sami Basbous

#### Meet the artist: Sami Basbous



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Bloom Gallery is one year old! And we are delighted to celebrate with an exhibition of spectacular works by Sami Basbous, a Canadian Lebanese artist/writer/musician/performer living between the communities of Montreal and Valencia. His works are sensitive and deep, exploring memory and time, loss, longing and belonging – *querencia*.

Sami Basbous is a multi-disciplinary artist who obeys Rilke's prescription that art arises from necessity. He has lived in Beirut, Paris, London, Montreal, New York, and Los Angeles, always travelling voraciously.

His recent work starts on the streets of Lebanon and other cities and places in the different countries he visits. He looks for the decaying beauty of posters and flyers on walls that withstood time and adversity, reflecting on his personal stories within the neighborhoods. Listening to his intuition, and wielding with immediacy, Basbous scratches, peels and carves out what exists, recreating chimeras of what will soon be covered. It's an amorous reverse/revenge collage process. The result is then photographed and printed on canvas or noble paper. In his atelier, he paints with oil, acrylic, ink, pastel, and charcoal on the photograph while listening to original music; channeling portraits of characters he has originated in his poetry and novels and visiting spirits, producing art that is rich in its dimension and layering. The photographs meld with imagined portraits, creating souls eager to tell forgotten and invented stories and fables. Basbous's artwork is completed when visual chaos abates, and meaning is found, yielding atonement and realizing healing.

Basbous also works with different media, creating portraits, collages, abstract work on canvas, noble paper, wood, and architectural plans. He is an artist who cannot easily be pigeon-holed: he sculpts, creates assemblages, is a photographer, a storyteller, a troubadour. Bloom began with a desire to bring art forms together, to break the barriers that defines genre. It is fitting that we celebrate our anniversary with an artist who personifies those ideas.



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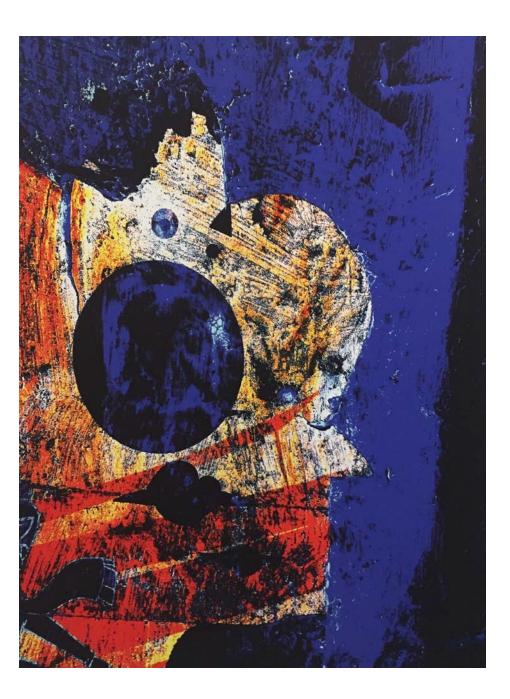
*Alien Ocean* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 114 x 151 cm 3380 €



*The Great Omicrom* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 105 x 140 cm 2662 €



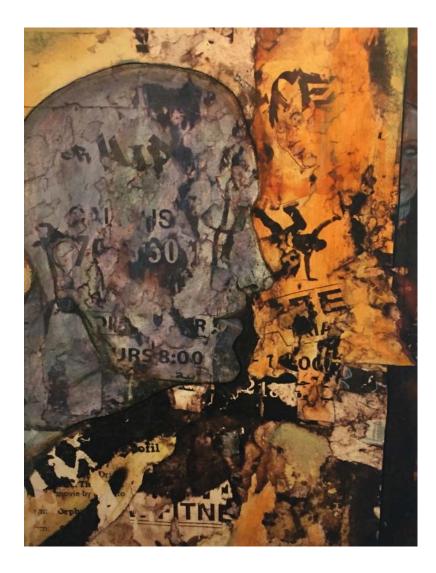
*Luna Voz* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 105 x 140 cm 2662 €



### *Heal the Boy* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 100 x 75 cm 2178 €



*The Ascent* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 140 x 105 cm 2662 €



*Mythologic* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 120 x 90 cm 2420 €



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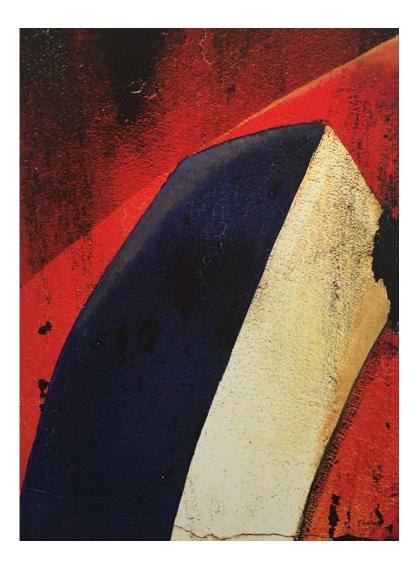




*Catala* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 90 x 120 cm 2420 € *Transcendence* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 90 x 120 cm 2420 €



### Subject before Object (2023) Mixed media on giclée 140 x 105 cm 2420 €





*Efflorescence* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 90 x 120 cm 2420 € *Maya Dawn* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 140 x 105 cm 2662 €





*Aurus* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 75 x 100 cm 2178 €



*Aurora* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 75 x 100 cm 2178 € *Wisdom* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 90 x 120 cm 2178 €



Patience (2023) Mixed media on giclée 90 x 120 cm

2178€



# *Divination* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 75 x 54 cm

1150€



## Astar (2023) Mixed media on giclée

75 x 54 cm

1250€



Romanesque (2023) Mixed media on giclée 100 x 75 cm 2420 €



*Celluloids* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 100 x 75 cm 2178 €





*Flows* (2023) Mixed media on giclée 38 x 58 cm 425 €