



MUSONIUM GALLERY

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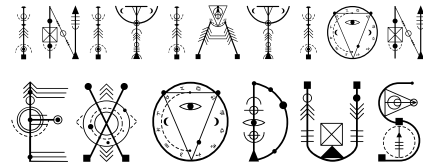
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Palm Springs, CA, July 26, 2024 – Musonium Gallery to open inaugural group exhibition *INITIATION: EXODUS*, showcasing an eclectic collection of contemporary art pieces from over twenty artists internationally.



*What could be better than expressing
so many things through art,
symbolizing the echo of human
nature, distortion and motivation
through time.*

- Darwin Leon

Darwin Leon, *The Rubenesque Paradox*

36"x36" Oil on Canvas

©Darwin Leon Fine Art

It is with great pleasure to introduce Musonium Gallery and our inaugural group exhibition *INITIATION: EXODUS*, a triumphant introduction of the gallery's program and much anticipated grand opening. Created and initially intended to open in late 2022 situated inside a former *The Bank of Tampa* branch building in Tampa, FL, Musonium Gallery has enthusiastically relocated to Palm Springs, CA for an inspiring new exhibition space in the Uptown Arts and Design District. This dramatic and distant departure from our initially intended Tampa flagship marks a pivotal shift in renewed energy and courage as Musonium embarks on this new journey. Quite literally, our own exodus. Works showcased in this exhibition hail from all across the world including: Spain, Italy, Belgium, England, Scotland, China, Japan, Philippines, Cuba, Canada and the United States. With a plethora of diverse styles, varying techniques and mediums, *INITIATION: EXODUS* brings together nuances of personal perspectives and various cultural influences.

The elegant, yet mysterious sculptures *Cleo* and *Leonore* by Tim Roosen, feature copper eyes with elaborate forged metal hair as well as welded elements creating alluring metal maidens, where “a Gothic dream meets a Dieselpunk nightmare.” Darwin Leon's *The Rubenesque Paradox* (inspired by Peter Paul Rubens' *The Rape of the Daughters of Leucippus*) channels the old masters whilst bringing a unique contemporary flair to the forefront. Lorella Ragnatelli's sultry figurative painting, titled *Torment and Ecstasy*, demonstrates academic precision observed through the treatment of the human body in an in-between state of tension and relaxation, whilst echoing the dynamic of two lovers who grow together but whom can also grow apart if their passion is neglected. In Kevin Kuenster's provocative piece titled, *Seduction*, two love interests are depicted sharing cherries on tranquil waters as the swaying of the wooden boat brings them closer together, whilst the clouds behind them manifest into pictorial representations of their lust. Ginger's *Don't grow up, It's a trap* explore the surreal, where feline and feminine energies align to create metaphorical depictions of women's empowerment.



Tim Roosen, *Leonore* (Left), 92x43x27 cm & *Cleo* (Right) 82x33x25 cm Steel, Copper & Wrought Iron
©Tim Roosen



Froilan Calayag, *Heartburn*, 72”x48”
Oil on Canvas
©Froilan Calayag

Participating Artists

Froilan Calayag | Jasmine Becket-Griffith | Bob Doucette | Encarni Diaz (Ginger) | Franc Kaiser | Tim Roosen | Zienna Brunsted Stewart | Kevin Kuenster | Darwin Leon | Deirdre Sullivan-Beeman | Enrique Alfonso Rodríguez | Michael Banks (Sugar Fueled) | Yoko d'Holbachie | Catharses | Lorella Ragnatelli | Salvatore Dangelo | Mark Garro | David van Gough | Arturo Garcia de las Heras | Alan Macdonald | Carolinda Macdonald | Marcelo Suaznabar

About Musonium Gallery

Nestled in the vibrant Uptown Arts and Design District of Palm Springs, California, Musonium Gallery stands as a beacon of artistic innovation and cultural enrichment. Established in 2024, the gallery is committed to showcasing some of the worlds best contemporary talents, with a focus on a dynamic and carefully curated exhibition program. Musonium Gallery is perfectly positioned in the iconic Coachella Valley, offering a unique blend of natural beauty, architecture, and cultural richness, providing an inspiring backdrop for artistic expression. Each exhibition is carefully crafted to offer a transformative experience that resonates with the themes and narratives behind the artworks. Musonium Gallery is dedicated to providing a platform and space for cutting-edge contemporary artist's to engage with and thrive in the constantly evolving art world.

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INITIATION: EXODUS

Inaugural Group Exhibition

July 26, 2024 – August 25, 2024

Opening Reception: Friday, July 26, 2024 from 6-8 pm

Closing Reception: Friday, August 23, 2024 from 6-8 pm

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