Hana Pietri presents

Sébastien Johnson

'EUROTRASH'

October 12, 2023 - January 9, 2024

"As purposeless as art may seem, I have come to believe it to be the last remaining source of truth in society. To me, art is anything done with honesty. A moment of vulnerability and an outlet to have a voice, even if that voice clouds the existing perspectives of my viewers."

- Sébastien Johnson

Sebastien Johnson 'Eurotrash'

Sébastien Johnson is a Chicago-based, Franco-American artist who gives history's most praised paintings a new context and narrative in which to exist. His paintings reference master works that carefully balance the tension between raw abstraction and academic representation. This clash is both unsettling and beautiful; blurring our understanding of the past and present, and inviting us to critically understand the narratives of art's history.

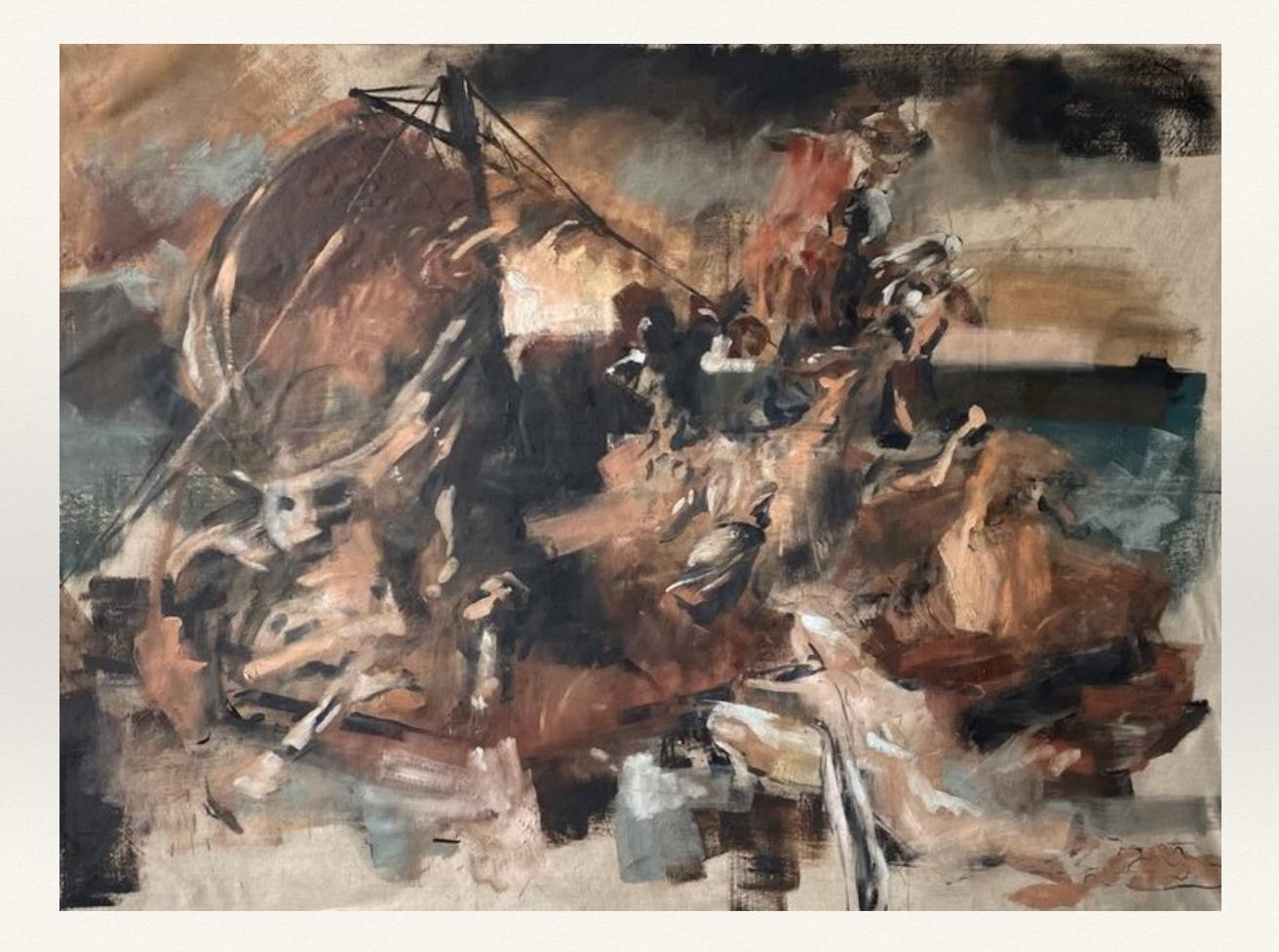
Featuring some of Sébastien's largest works to date, this exhibition takes viewers through an enlightening journey, dissecting the intricate layers of classical artistry. Dismantling the traditional hierarchy of painting genres - from the intimacy of still life to the grandeur of history painting and landscapes - this exhibition displays a comprehensive insight into his practice.

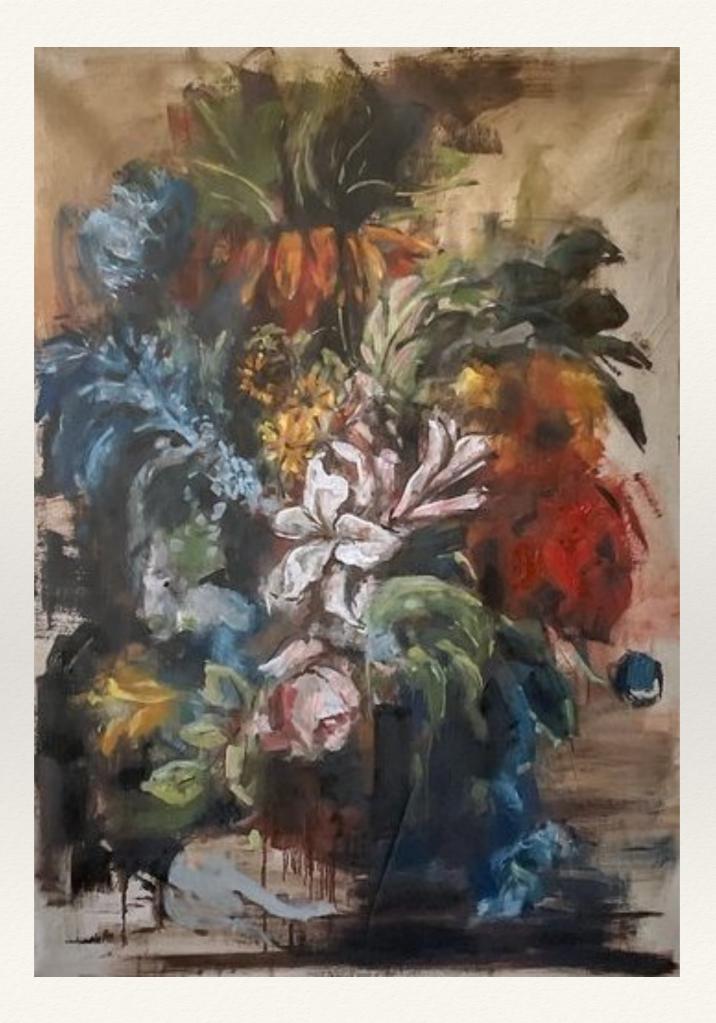
Sébastien's artwork is heavily influenced by his multifaceted role as a UX designer. His art and design work serve as cross-related research, offering perspectives into one another that transcend conventional approaches. Intertwining creative and technical pursuits towards socially influenced innovation is a key component of his oeuvre.

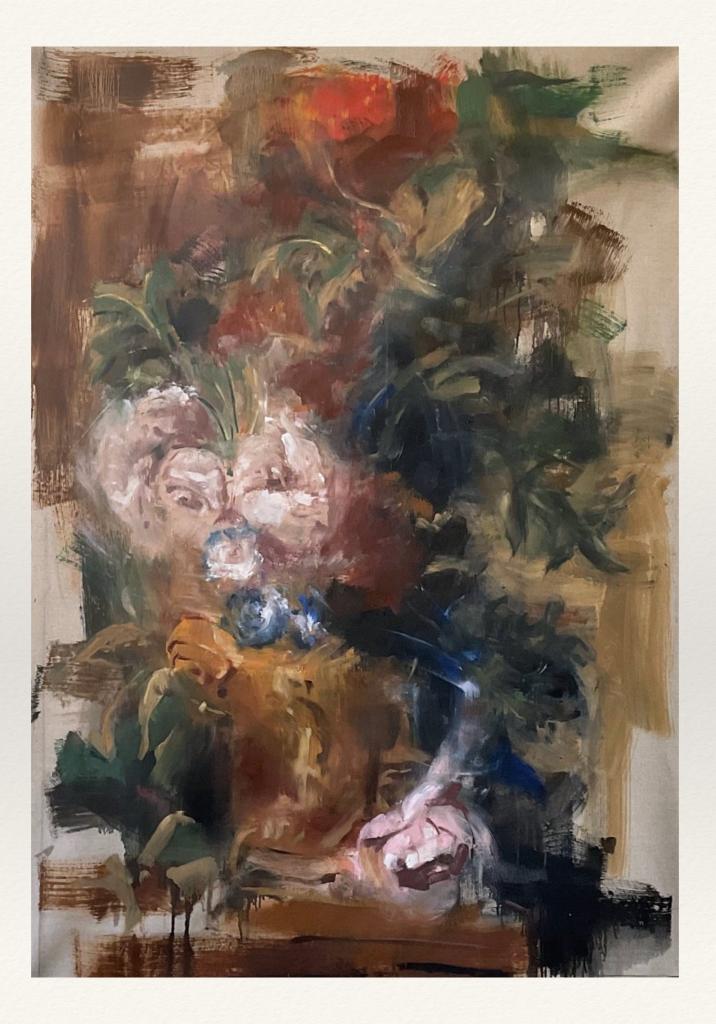
Sébastien holds a Dual BFA from the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign (2020). He studied painting, graphic design and art history at the New York Academy of Art and has been an Artist in Residence at Motorola Solutions, L'Atelier Cail (St. Etienne, France), and the Marchutz School of Fine Art (Aix En Provence, France).

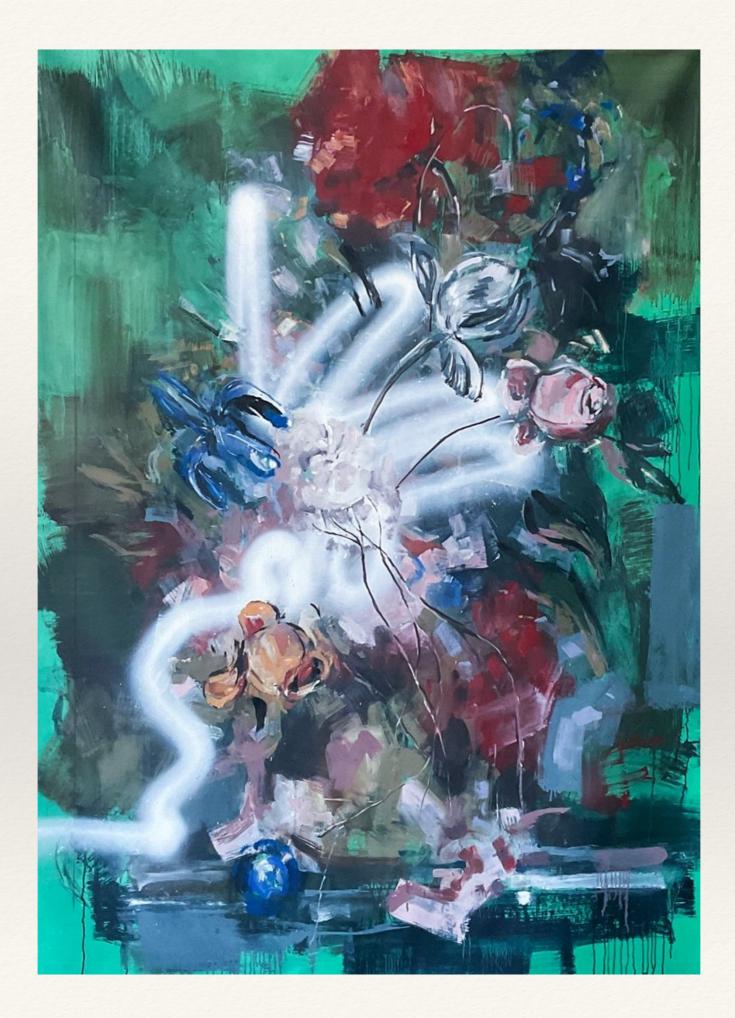






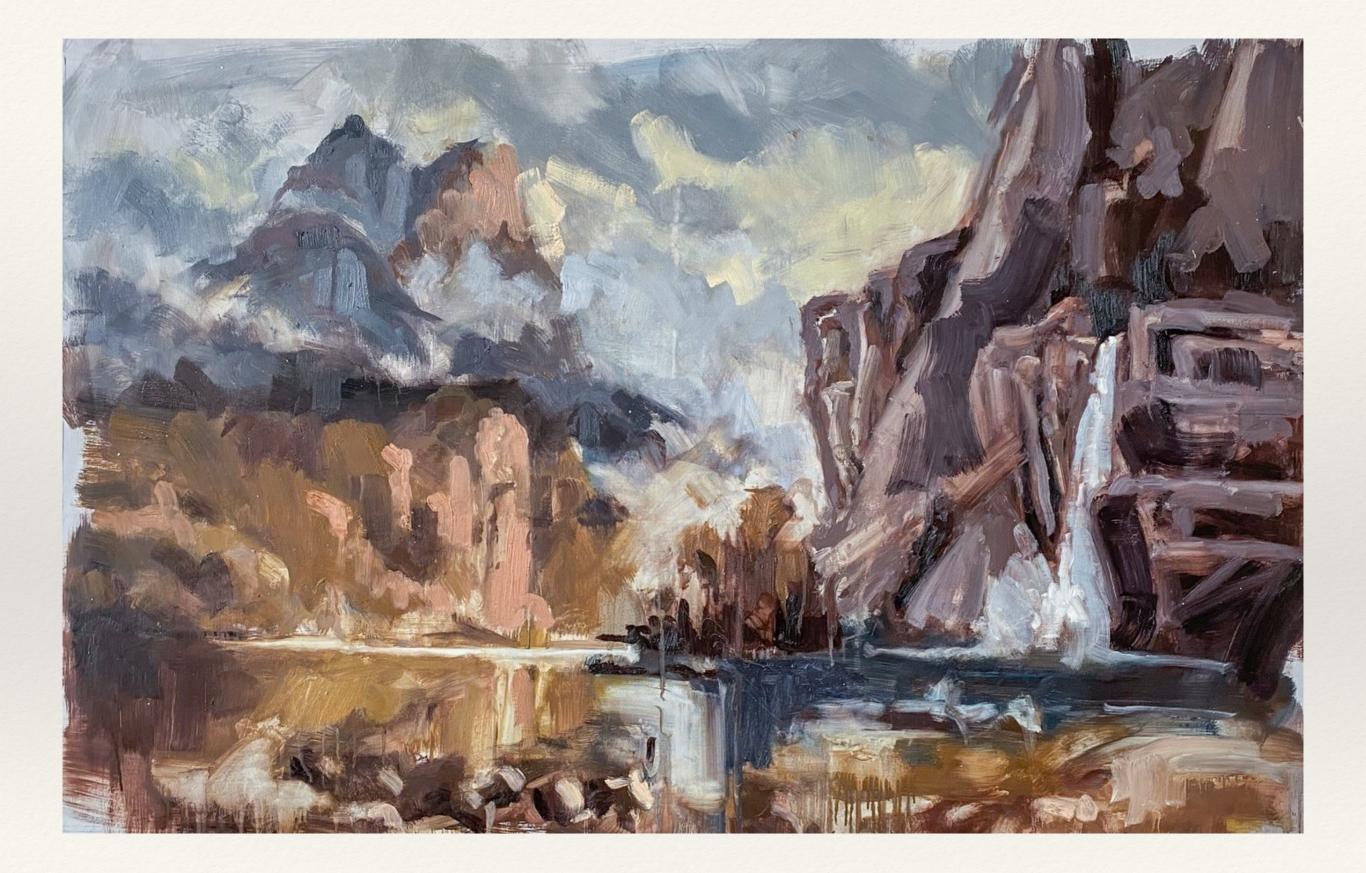


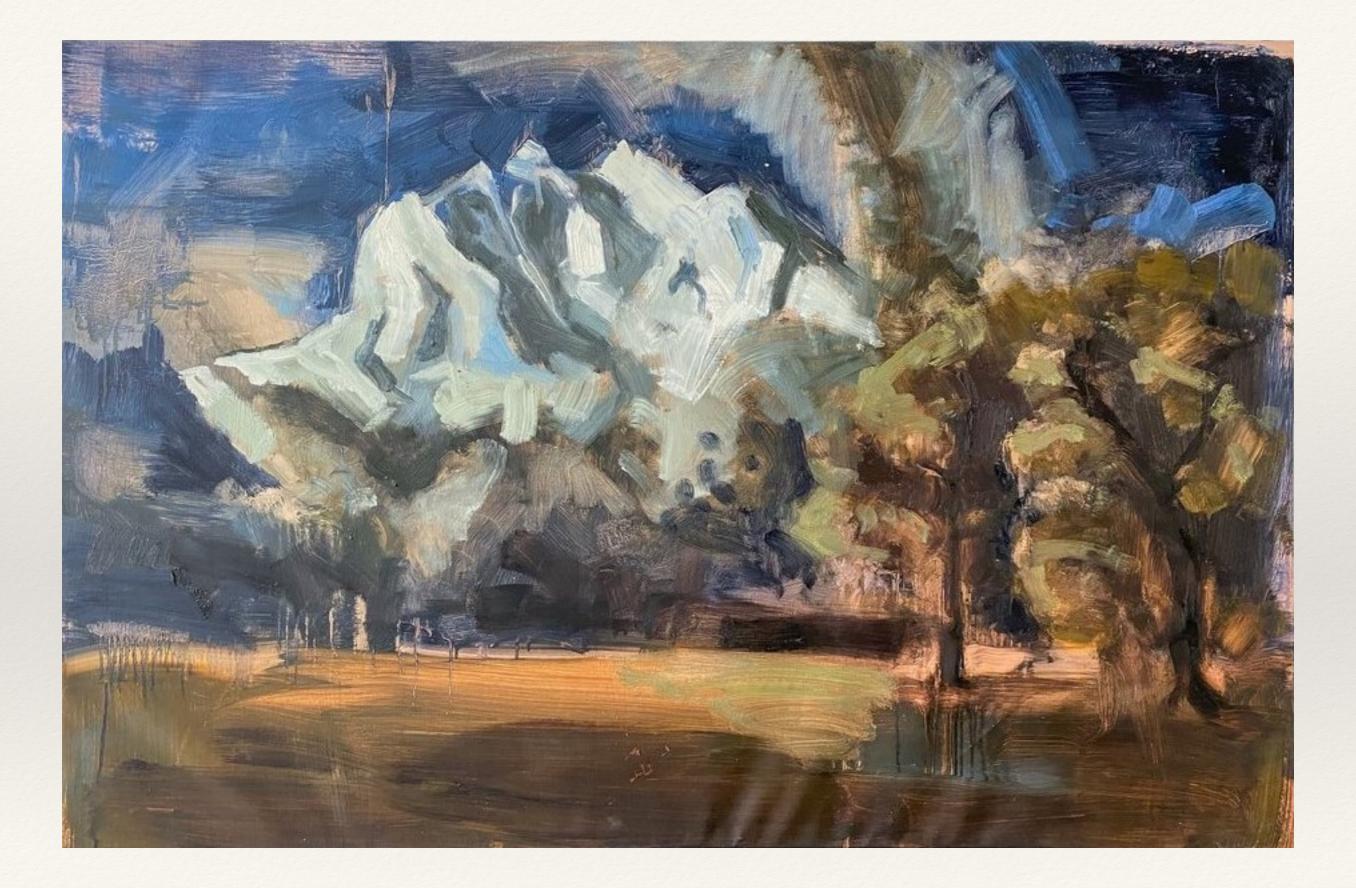














The Wedding Feast at Cana, 2023 Oil on Linen, signed on back 74x108 inches \$13,500



The Romans in their Decadence, 2023 Oil on Linen, signed on back 76x126 inches \$15,000



The Raft of the Medusa, 2023 Oil on Linen, signed on back 80x55 inches \$12,000



American Landscape - Valley, 2022 Oil on Linen, signed on back 36x58 inches \$4,500



American Landscape, Waterfall 2022 Oil on Linen, signed on back 36x58 inches \$4,500



American Landscape - Mountains, 2022 Oil on Linen, signed on back 36x54 inches \$4,000



List of Works



Portrait of Napoleon, 2021 58x36 inches Oil on Linen, signed on back \$3,600



Florals I, 2023 Oil on Linen, signed on back 46x66 inches \$4,500



Florals II, 2023 Oil on Linen, signed on back 46x66 inches \$4,500



Florals III, 2023 Oil on Linen, signed on back 56x42 inches \$4,500

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