

JACK HANLEY GALLERY

Xavier Baxter
Nomads

November 16 - December 22, 2023

Opening Reception:
Thursday, November 16th, 2023

Jack Hanley Gallery is pleased to present *Nomads*, a solo exhibition with new works by Xavier Baxter. This is Baxter's first exhibition with the gallery and also his first solo exhibition in New York City.

Baxter's paintings are composed of abstracted figures. These figures are larger than life, barely fitting in the confines of each canvas. Trapped within the painting, the figures are the center of their own worlds. The balance of the composition of the paintings allows for the paint to do the talking. Each mark that Baxter makes is done so deliberately and with bravery. This lack of hesitation introduces the element of surprise, creating energy and momentum in the work, which also allows for the artist's soul and emotion to come through.

Baxter was born in England to a family of artists. Both his mother and father were painters, and while his practice veered in a different direction, his early life experiences gave him unique insight and a wealth of artistic knowledge. Baxter implements the use of classical methods and media while also employing their modern counterparts. He is particularly interested in finding a way to move painting technique forward- he utilizes a plethora of brushes and tools along with an array of oil paint, all allowing him to experiment and accumulate the knowledge of what can be achieved.

Xavier Baxter (b. 1991 London UK) lives and works in New York. The artist received a BA in sculpture from the City and Guilds University in London. He has shown in the UK, Germany and Korea. Most recently he has had a solo exhibition at Vigo Gallery (London), Jari Lager Gallery (Cologne and Seoul) group shows, a solo at Union Gallery (London), Armory with Vigo Gallery (NY), KIAF with Jari Lager Gallery (Korea). He has also been included in several art fairs throughout Europe.