



GALERIE
VIRGINIE
LOUVET

HUGO CADDIOUS

Exploration

Exhibition: March 19th – May 7th, 2022

Opening: Saturday, March 19th, 2022, from 3 pm to 8 pm



Hugo Caddous
Exploration VI, 2021
Acrylic on canvas
100 x 80 cm

« Every landscape is, as it were, a state of the soul »
Henri-Frédéric Amiel, Journal, 1846

For his solo exhibition at the Virginie Louvet gallery, artist Hugo Caddous presents his new series of paintings entitled *Exploration*.

Created over the past year and designed as an escape to a place where one can get lost and transpose their own memories and aspirations, this series echoes the artist's deep need to escape from an anxiety-inducing reality.

Each painting was designed as an idealized landscape full of mystery, immaculate and untouched. Like a snapshot a little too smooth and sharp to be true, it is built from pieces of memories, like a perfected representation of a past moment. The landscape becomes the stereotype of a somewhat forgotten Eden where one longs to be, even just for a moment.

Incandescent shapes and colors collide while the vegetation transforms into Victorian decoration. The spectator is kept at a distance by the silhouettes of a virgin forest against the light, a scenery of blurred spatial references.

With different planes built on top of each other, depth is lost in confused abstraction, conjuring a theater set. Actors seem to have deserted these artificial arrangements immersed in light. For the visitor, there is nothing left to do but step on stage. They become explorers of hallucinated planets, bathed in unprecedented gleams of twilight.

After studying engraving at the Estienne school and fine arts at the Beaux-Arts of Paris, Hugo Caddous (1981) worked as a textile graphic designer and founded his own design studio. He collaborates regularly with major houses such as Guerlain, Chaumet, and Roger Vivier, to create large frescoes and murals.