

# Women of Darkness, Women of Light

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In her first exhibition at Kanya & Kage, Israeli Berlin-based painter Aline Alagem presents a series of paintings that celebrate light through bold feminine subjects. With its strong red palette and intense gazing female heroines, this exhibition offers both comfort and confrontation, ultimately suggesting a hopeful path amidst a reality of darkness.

Alagem's glossy world of sensual, powerful women subjects is shifting into a visual frequency that demands a different kind of attention and commands reflection.

The personal connection Alagem shares with her subjects, notably her muse and sister, portrayed twice with her back turned, serves as a manifesto of resilience—a light that cannot be dimmed. This recurrent theme of enduring luminance, intertwined with pain and griefs potential for transformation, suggests that sorrow and loss can catalyze growth, akin to water and fire generating new life.

Embedded in each painting, textual elements —"listen," "speak," "wait"—gain profound significance against the contemporary discourse on war and the autonomy over women's bodies. These paintings, by centering the female gaze, invert the traditional narrative, positioning the observer as the observed.

This series also signifies a first for Alagem, incorporating Israeli icons such as Daliah Lavi, (b.1942, Israeli actress/ singer with German roots and career), and and Gila Almagor, (b. 1939 famous Israeli actress "the face of drama").

This homage to Alagem's cultural heritage and 'sisters' intertwines with a poignant lament for the innocence of the past, now confronting the present for answers. With a bold palette that spans vividness to minimalism, Alagem's new paintings celebrate feminine beauty and strength as beacons of hope and renewal. In a context marred by loss and skepticism, these figures stand as flames of enduring power, illuminating a possible path forward, by insisting to be seen and heard.



L'histoire de L'ombre, L'histoire de Sourire, (The story of shadow,

the story of smile), 2021

150 × 200 cm

oil on wood and stainless steel with mirror finish.

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#### Now (they will not dim our light), 2024

60 × 80 cm

oil and acrylic on canvas,

5.890 €



#### Wait, 2024

60 × 80 cm

oil on canvas,

5.890 €

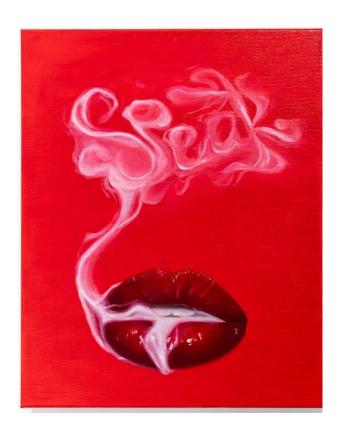


#### Our Light, Our Tears, Our Pain, 2024

60 × 80 cm

oil on canvas,

5.890 €



#### **Speak**, 2024

40 × 50 cm

oil on canvas,

4.280 €



# Listen, 2024

 $40 \times 50 \text{ cm}$ 

oil on canvas,

4.280 €

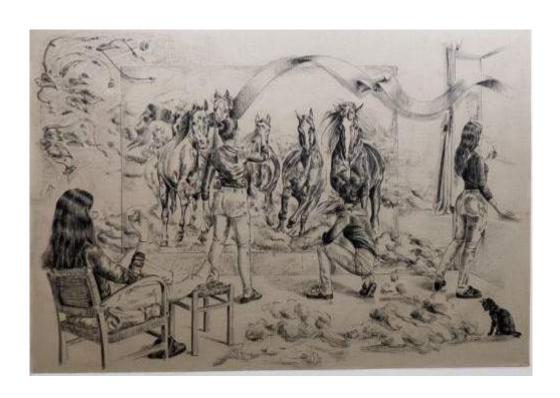


#### To Dream Is To Live, 2024

120 × 140 cm

oil on canvas,

9.630 €



#### Did I Dream It, 2021

280 × 190 cm

charcoal on linen

13.910 €



#### I Look Back In Trough a Window 2021

280 × 190 cm

charcoal on linen

12.840 €



#### Sand Storm (Daliah), 2024

 $36 \times 40 \text{ cm (framed)}$ 

ink on paper

1.290 €



## Her (Daliah), 2024

 $28 \times 32$  cm (framed)

ink on paper

970€



## Drops (Galia), 2024

 $28 \times 32 \text{ cm (framed)}$ 

ink on paper

970€



#### Looking Back (Moran), 2024

28 × 32 cm (framed)

ink on paper

970€



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