Hannah Wilson **"Poor Sap"**



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Bim Bam Gallery is happy to announce "Poor Sap", Hannah Wilson's first solo show in France. The artist who lives and works in Glasgow, Scotland, will be presenting a new series of oil paintings on canvas.

This new body of work depicts male characters from different movies, all going through personal matters and experiencing conflictual feelings. Hannah Wilson's portraits don't fully show the subjects' faces. While using the staged point of view from the movie, the artist is creating an original and enigmatic composition. Since the subject is not fully revealed, the portrait exists beyond what it is depicting on the canvas, leaving the spectator wondering what the subject looks like and what he is looking at.

The oddity of the composition questions the context in which the character is shown, inviting the viewer to have an empathetic look towards him: "The paintings in the show are drawn from moments in various films, where the main character felt like a black hole. Almost all of the subjects of the paintings are turned away, and are lone in their canvases."

Throughout the series of paintings, Hannah Wilson expresses their personal interpretation of masculinity in cinema, while defining their own identity: "The trigger point for this body of work was Martin Scorsese's film Raging Bull. Its central character Jake LaMotta is brutish, violent and driven by his base instincts. However, he lacks the emotional maturity to cope with the consequences of his actions. It's an endless cycle: doing wrong and seeking punishment, while never changing. This was something that stuck with me, and I knew I wanted to make a show around that."





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Head (Mickey) (2023) Oil on canvas

140 x 120 cm / 55 x 47 in



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Iphone (Adam) (2023) Oil on canvas

100 x 120 cm / 39 x 47 in





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Poor Sap (2023) Oil on canvas

90 x 80 cm / 35 x 31 in



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Head (Brian) (2023) Oil on canvas

90 x 70 cm / 35 x 27 in



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