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THE ART OF LINE | Works by Myrica Jones

Stables, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock 4 April 2023 – 6 Sep 2023



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New exhibition at the Stables Café, Blenheim Palace, from 4th April 2023 – 6 September 2023

The Art of Line, the next exhibition coming soon to the Stables Café at Blenheim Palace brings together a remarkable series of new works on paper by artist Myrica Jones (b. 1966). The exhibition *The Art of Line* opens to the public on the 4th April 2023 and continues until 6 September 2023.

Myrica Jones began as a mural artist and has had a successful career painting special effects for private clients over three decades. Escaping challenges facing her family in 2018, Jones picked up a pen and began to draw. Since then, she has amassed a graphic series of ink works on paper that has led to her becoming a highly esteemed artist in Oxfordshire and a prize-winning member of the Oxford Arts Society. Her extraordinarily steady hand methodically draws individual lines which build up over time. The lines according to Jones 'simply flow' using fluid linear movements and adjusting pressure to add tone and depth to the image.

Inspired by Henry Moore and Rodin, as well as by contemporary sculptors, including Ruth Asawa, Mariko Kusumoto and Vittorio Lavazzo, Jones's work echoes the simple patterns and

shapes found in nature as well as more figurative elements from yoga and contemporary dance. Jones enjoys creating amusing compositions and contortions and exploring the comical value of her subjects in space, whilst her recent botanical works have allowed her to take her love of sculptural form further with the addition of needlework in relief.

Zuleika Gallery is delighted to present this exciting new body of work by Myrica Jones in her first major solo show in the UK at Blenheim.

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Illustrated

1. *Scorpion Pose 2*, 2022, ink on 400 gsm watercolour paper, 114 cm x 91 cm framed
2. *The Blue Catcus*, 2023, ink on 400 gsm watercolour paper with hand stitched silver metallic thread, 85 cm x 51 cm
3. *Scorpion Pose 1*, 2022, ink on 400 gsm watercolour paper, 114 cm x 91 cm framed

Venue

The Stables, Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, OX20 1PP. www.zuleikagallery.com

Opening Hours

Monday – Sunday 10 am – 4.45 pm

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About Zuleika Gallery

Zuleika Gallery's focus is on Modern British and emerging contemporary art. The gallery was founded in 2015 and held premises in St James's London before moving to Cromwell Place in 2022. In 2020, the gallery opened premises in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, now the gallery headquarters, with a regular exhibition programme. Zuleika offers bespoke art advisory services for private or corporate collectors, using our extensive experience in the art market. We enjoy placing art in the right context, whether public or private, and helping collectors making considered choices - balancing pure visual joy with stimulating ideas, while also inspiring change through art. The gallery is committed to showing art that inspires, and to making art accessible without compromise to quality, working with both the entry level collector and the connoisseur.

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