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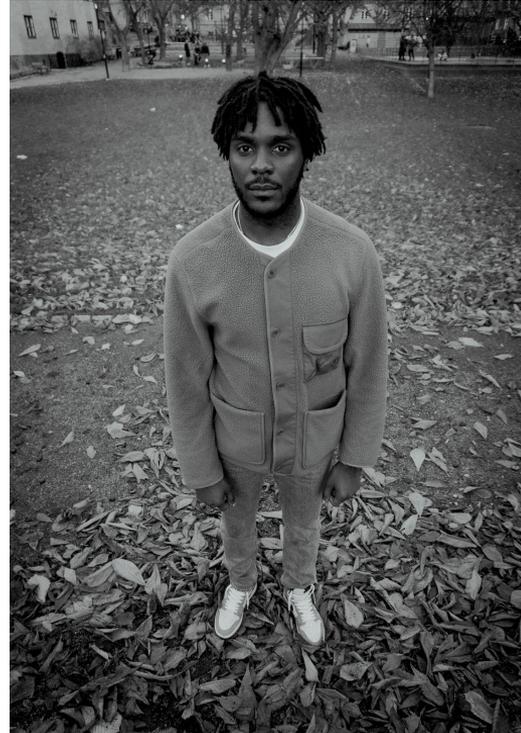
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ARTIST BIO

Xavier Laurent Leopold, known artistically as Xavi Art, is a self-taught contemporary artist, exploring abstract portraiture, cubism and illustrative styles.

The lockdown period in early 2020 birthed his artistic passion and in October of the same year, Xavier launched his inaugural solo exhibition - The Xavi Art Exhibition, Black History Month. His vibrant pieces draw inspiration from his lived experiences, relationships, ideology and worldview.

In this exhibition, Xavier shares a selection of pieces from his latest body of work. They explore female empowerment, his Sierra Leonean cultural heritage and faith.



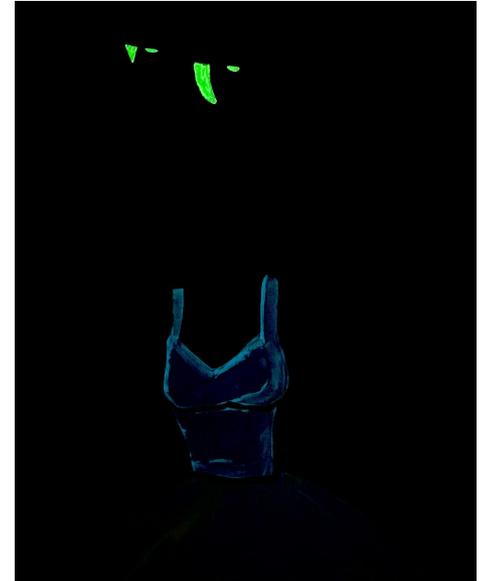
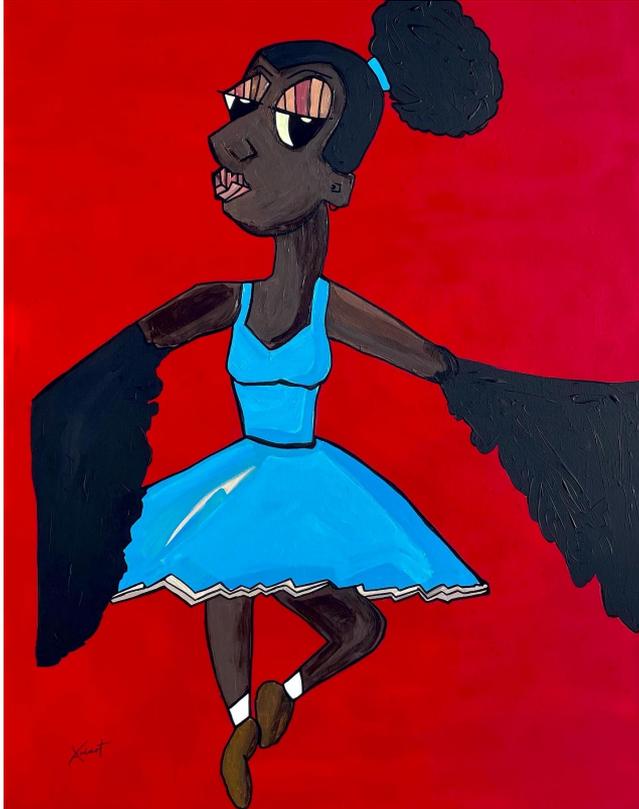
BLACK SWAN

Size: 91cm x 123cm

Medium: Acrylic on canvas with glow paint

Price: £2,500

The black swan is highly symbolic of personal power. Many can relate, especially our sisters. Personal power means our courage and determination to overcome hard times.



ANDY

Size: 76.2cm x 76.2cm

Medium: Acrylic on canvas with glow paint

Price: £2,000

By painting over a Warhol print, the artist wanted to create a home where the styles of Andy and Xavi Art can co-exist. Monroe's character became iconic in how women were represented in pop culture and Warhol's ingenuity became iconic in capturing women in pop art, Xavi hoped to make them both proud on International Women's Day.



BLACK SHEEP

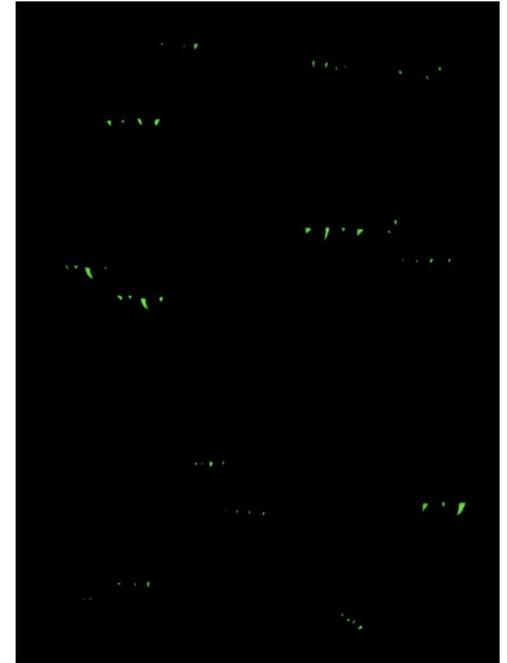
Size: 80cm x 60cm

Medium: Acrylic on canvas with glow paint

Price: £1,500

Xavier references the phrase ‘the black sheep’ to create a portrait for those who do not fit in with the rest of a group. Going against the grain has long been recognised as a source of “cultural cool” but for those individuals who are truly different, it is not a choice

Some minds think differently, different thoughts drive different choices, different choices define who you become, sticking to who grounds you and can transform you from the outsider to the man/woman who stands tall in their truth.



PRINCE OF WALES

Size: 100cm x 100cm

Medium: Acrylic on canvas with glow paint

Price: £2500

The 'Lion Mountains' collection is a progressing body of work, where Xavier dives into his Sierra Leonean culture and heritage.

Prince of Wales is an all-boys secondary school in Freetown, Sierra Leone. For decades, alumni members have taken pride in the school and have taken the responsibility to form international communities across the world.



JONAH

Size: 122cm x 91cm

Medium: Acrylic on canvas with
glow paint

Price: £2,500

Through this story, Xavier's key takeaway was the concept of faith. This piece touches on the biblical book of Jonah. While in the belly of the big whale, Jonah prayed to God for help, repented, and praised God.



FORBIDDEN FRUIT

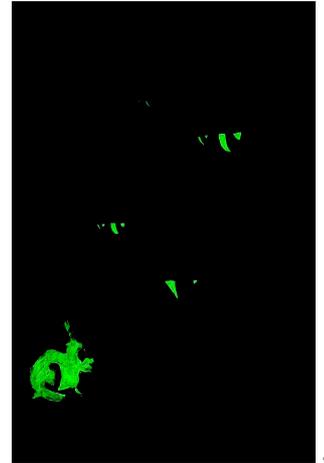
Size: 122cm x 91cm

Medium: Acrylic on canvas with glow paint

Price: £5,500

Xavier paints the story of Adam and Eve, using references to nature to emphasize his perspective. The sun substituted with a golden heartbreak, coupled with the erupted volcano reflects God's disappointment with Adam and Eve for the eating of the forbidden fruit which upset the balance in paradise.

Flowers representing nature's eye candy, along with Adam in a meditative state stresses the ongoing need for redemption. The rabbit represents life but also channels a statement Xavier wishes to reflect upon; the possibility that humans are as self-oriented and as vain as they have ever been, from biblical times up until the present day. Making life seem matrix-like.



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