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On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024, Luxembourg + Co., London, will open an exhibition of works by the American artist Alice Baber (1928-1982). The display will extend also to the gallery's stand at Frieze Masters (Stand D3, 9-13 October).

Baber is best known for her long-life dedication to study biomorphic forms and the infinite possibilities of light and colour through painting. Showcasing a selection of significant achievements from throughout her career, the works on view span from 1964 to just a year before her untimely death in 1981, and chronicle her experimentation between different mediums, intensities of colour, saturation, composition, and forms.

Among these, the display will include examples of Baber's unique method of 'sinking' (or 'staining') and 'lifting' tissue papers dipped in watercolour in order to obtain a sense of organic-like expansion in her shapes; an attribute that is now regarded as her signature style.



Alice Baber was often associated with American Abstract Expressionism as well as with Colour Field painting, although her work does not fall neatly under either one of these artistic categories. Baber's unique approach to watercolours and oils is characterized by colourful biomorphic forms, expressing rhythm, movement, and the intricate interplay of colour transparencies on paper and canvas. Baber championed a synesthetic approach to colour, considering painting as a practice that evokes more than just visual experience, but also one that relates to taste, touch, smell and memories: 'When I first conceive of a painting', she once explained, 'I must feel it, I hear it, I taste it, and I want to eat it.'

An active feminist, Baber participated in several exhibitions dedicated to women artists, notably Women Choose Women, held at the New York Cultural Center in 1972, curated by Lucy Lippard. Throughout her career, Baber participated in numerous institutional group shows, including at the Corcoran Art Gallery, Washington, D.C. (1972), and Whitechapel Gallery, London (1966). Today, she is represented in over 40 public institutions around the world, with works in major museums such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Museum of Modern Art, New York, the Albertina Museum, Vienna and the Stedeljik Museum, Amsterdam.

We wish to thank the Alice Baber Project for their collaboration, all the works presented here are registered with the online Alice Baber Project at <a href="https://www.alicebaber.com">www.alicebaber.com</a>.



ALICE BABER (1928-1982) Untitled, 1959 Watercolor on paper 17 7/8 x II 3/4 in. (45.4 x 30 cm) On view at the gallery



ALICE BABER (1928-1982) Untitled, 1960 Watercolor on paper 19 3/4 x 12 5/8 in. (50 x 32.2 cm) On view at the gallery



ALICE BABER (1928-1982) Untitled, 1960 oil on canvas 40 x 30 in. (101.6 x 76.2 cm) On view at Frieze Masters



ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
Untitled, 1960
oil on canvas
32 1/4 x 21 1/4 in. (82 x 54 cm)
On view at the gallery



ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
Untitled, 1961
oil on canvas
62 1/4 x 37 3/8 in. (158 x 95 cm)
On view at Frieze Masters





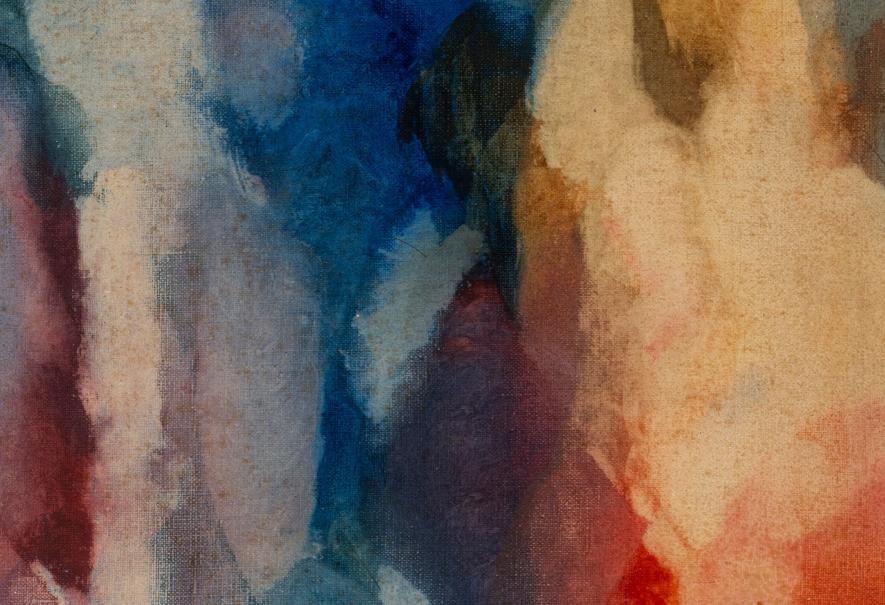
ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
Between the Bridges, 1964
Watercolour on paper
II x IO in (27.9 x 25.4 cm)
On view at Frieze Masters



ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
That Way, 1964
Oil on canvas
18 1/2 x 15 1/2 in. (47 x 39.5 cm)
On view at Frieze Masters



ALICE BABER (1928-1982) Many Ver. 5, 1964 Oil on canvas 24 x 18 in. (61 x 45.7 cm) On view at Frieze Masters





ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
Pale of the Morning, 1975
Oil on canvas
25 x 20 in. (63.5 x 50.8 cm)
On view at the gallery



ALICE BABER (1928-1982) Hidden Jaguar, 1976 Watercolour on paper 15 x II in (38.I x 27.9 cm) On view at Frieze Masters



ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
Center of the Eye, 1976
Watercolour on paper
14 x II in (35.6 x 27.9 cm)
On view at Frieze Masters



ALICE BABER (1928-1982) Songs of the Wind, 1977 Oil on canvas 59 x 78 in (149.9 x 198.1 cm) On view at Frieze Masters



ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
The Mask of the Jaguar of the Mountain,
1977
Oil on canvas
58 x 77 in. (147.3 x 195.6 cm)
On view at the gallery





ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
Turn and Sound, 1977
On canvas
20 x 25 in (50.8 x 63.5 cm)
On view at Frieze Masters



ALICE BABER (1928-1982)

Map for the Treasure of the Jaguar, 1978

Watercolour on Arches paper
23 x 30 in. (58.4 x 76.2 cm)

On view at the gallery



ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
The Path of the Blue Jaguar, 1977
Watercolour on Arches paper
30 x 41 in. (76.2 x 104.1 cm)
On view at the gallery



ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
The Red Dawn of the Jaguar, 1979–80
Watercolour on Arches paper
30 x 41 in. (76.2 x 104.1 cm)
On view at the gallery





ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
The Blue Maypole of the Jaguar, 1980
Oil on canvas
58 x 68 in. (147.3 x 172.7 cm)
On view at Frieze Masters



ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
The Mountain of the Desert Jaguar, 1980
Watercolour on Arches paper
30 x 41 in. (76.2 x 104.1 cm)
On view at Frieze Masters



ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
The Wind Shifts Above the Plain of the Jaguar, 1980
Watercolour on Arches paper
30 x 41 in. (76.2 x 104.1 cm)
On view at the gallery





ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
The Royal Space for the Jaguar, 1980
Watercolour on Arches paper
30 x 4I in. (76.2 x 104.1 cm)
On view at Frieze Masters



ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
The Center of the Tree of the Jaguar, 1980
Watercolour on Arches paper
30 x 41 in. (76.2 x 104.1 cm)
On view at the gallery





ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
Clouds Lift from the Jaguars Mountain, 1980
Watercolour on Arches paper
30 x 4I in. (76.2 x 104.1 cm)
On view at Frieze Masters

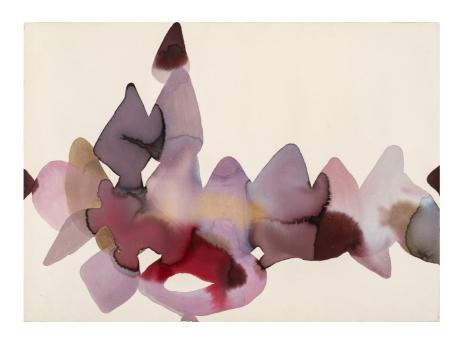


ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
The Golden Jaguar in the Garden, 1981
Oil on canvas
30 x 50 in. (76.2 x 127 cm)
On view at Frieze Masters

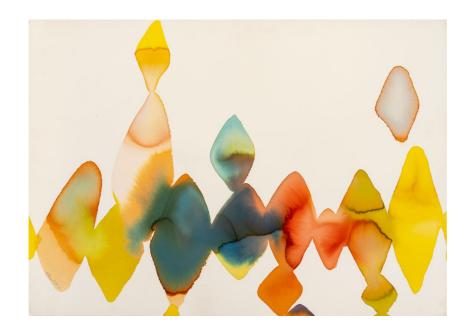




ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
The Golden Circle of the Jaguar, 1981
Oil on canvas
40 1/2 x 66 1/2 in. (102.9 x 168.9 cm)
On view at the gallery



ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
The Silver Ring of the Jaguar, 1981
Watercolour on Arches paper
30 x 41 in. (76.2 x 104.1 cm)
On view at Frieze Masters



ALICE BABER (1928-1982)
The Yellow Song of the Jaguar, 1981
Watercolour on Arches paper
30 x 41 in. (76.2 x 104.1 cm)
On view at the gallery

