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Miss. Understood. Sensuality. Economized.

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Curated by Mashonda Tifere



Praz-Delavallade is proud to present *M.U.S.E. Miss. Understood. Sensuality. Economized*, a solo exhibition by Lanise Howard, curated by Mashonda Tifere. The work contained in *M.U.S.E.* challenges the narratives that are thrust upon women in various forms of media, all centered around a multi-linear narrative. Originally inspired by the unique burst of black culture from the late '60s and '70s, elements of the blaxploitation movement in film, as well as particular tropes in film and music and as a part of the urban environment. The idea of the Diva, the Ingenue, the Fem-fatale and the Muse are explored and revealed. Howard shares, "I infused these narratives with pieces that connect to my own story, as well as my family history and recurring dreams to create a narrative that is new and lies in its own universe. A story that aims to give power back to women who were often led astray."

ABOUT LANISE HOWARD

Interested in the creation of an analogous world, where hidden histories, personal allegories, and various periods of time merge, Lanise's work ranges from portraiture, to large allegorical figurative paintings. The work often lies in-between differing states of being. She aims to create new spaces through paint, where the viewer can become transported. In this creation of an analogous world; Lanise was originally interested in re-writing a narrative where black figures were thriving and meeting new challenges, as though they were chameleons, ebbing and changing with every new obstacle. Therefore, the thinking was that this place would be a space of new possibility. The idea of change then becomes an element of the work. Her work often presents hypotheses and tries to offer possible answers, through engagement and inquiry.

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