



The Melodious Struggle of Souls and Consciousness

A solo exhibition by Raji Bamidele , our
2019 Absa L'Atelier Ambassador.



When the soul is in pain
it seeks for a way out
and it finds it in the
light of the sun.



Exhibition Statement

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Raji Bamidele seeks to further explore the significance of the human soul, consciousness and spirit as mediums of understanding the complexity of life and existence. He has previously explored these concepts in earlier works from the Yoruba belief system, which regards the soul's consciousness and spirit as complex and layered.

The Yoruba call the soul, mind and heart "Okan". Thus, to the Yoruba, the soul is in a way the mind (as a man thinketh, so he is), the mind is a reflection of the heart and your heart is an extension of your soul and spirit.

If the mind, heart and soul all overlap as an extension of a person, and consciousness is the awareness, one can begin to realise that a connection exists whereby consciousness is the platform for the realisation of one's being and soul. There is a rhythm through all the concepts and to find your rhythm and note it while playing the game of life is one of the things that we are to do as mortal beings.

Bamidele invites you to embark on a journey, through the intricate and harmonious interplay of souls and consciousness. Through each artwork, he highlights an ethereal dance between the human form and a mirrored reflection of the spirit and the vast realm of consciousness.





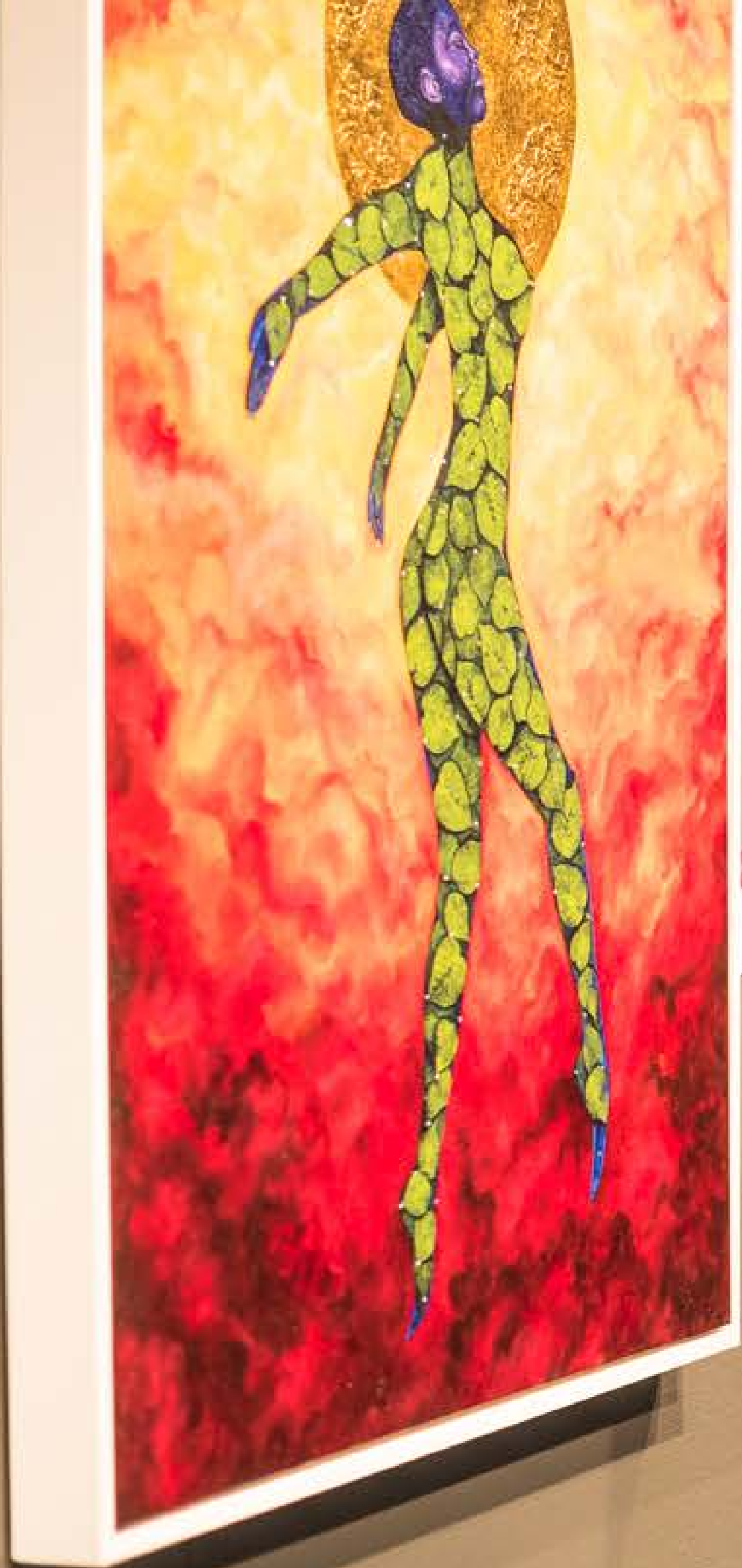


Raji Bamidele

Artist Statement

Raji Bamidele's artform is a fusion of African contemporary and hyperrealism, which he refers to as Afro-Contemporealism. As a proud Yoruba artist, he incorporates traditional representations while maintaining a sense of ownership and cultural authenticity, simultaneously embracing a global perspective. Through his practice, he employs a multi-disciplinary approach, weaving together materials and methods from contemporary and modern art forms.

Through his art, Bamidele, delves into the interplay of natural laws, mythology, philosophical beliefs and scientific principles, while calling into question the existence of time and being. His focus is on the resilience of the human spirit and the concept of dualism, which forms the core of the world that he envisions. He invites viewers to contemplate their place within the grand tapestry of existence.





Of Rhythm and thoughts

Oil, acrylic , rhinestone, goldleaf , molding paste
1524 x 1219.2 x 38.1 mm
2023

R75,000



Of Wading and mindfulness

Oil, acrylic , rhinestone, goldleaf , molding paste
1524 x 1219.2 x 38.1 mm
2023

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Of Resting and idea

Oil, acrylic , rhinestone, goldleaf , molding paste
1524 x 1219.2 x 38.1 mm
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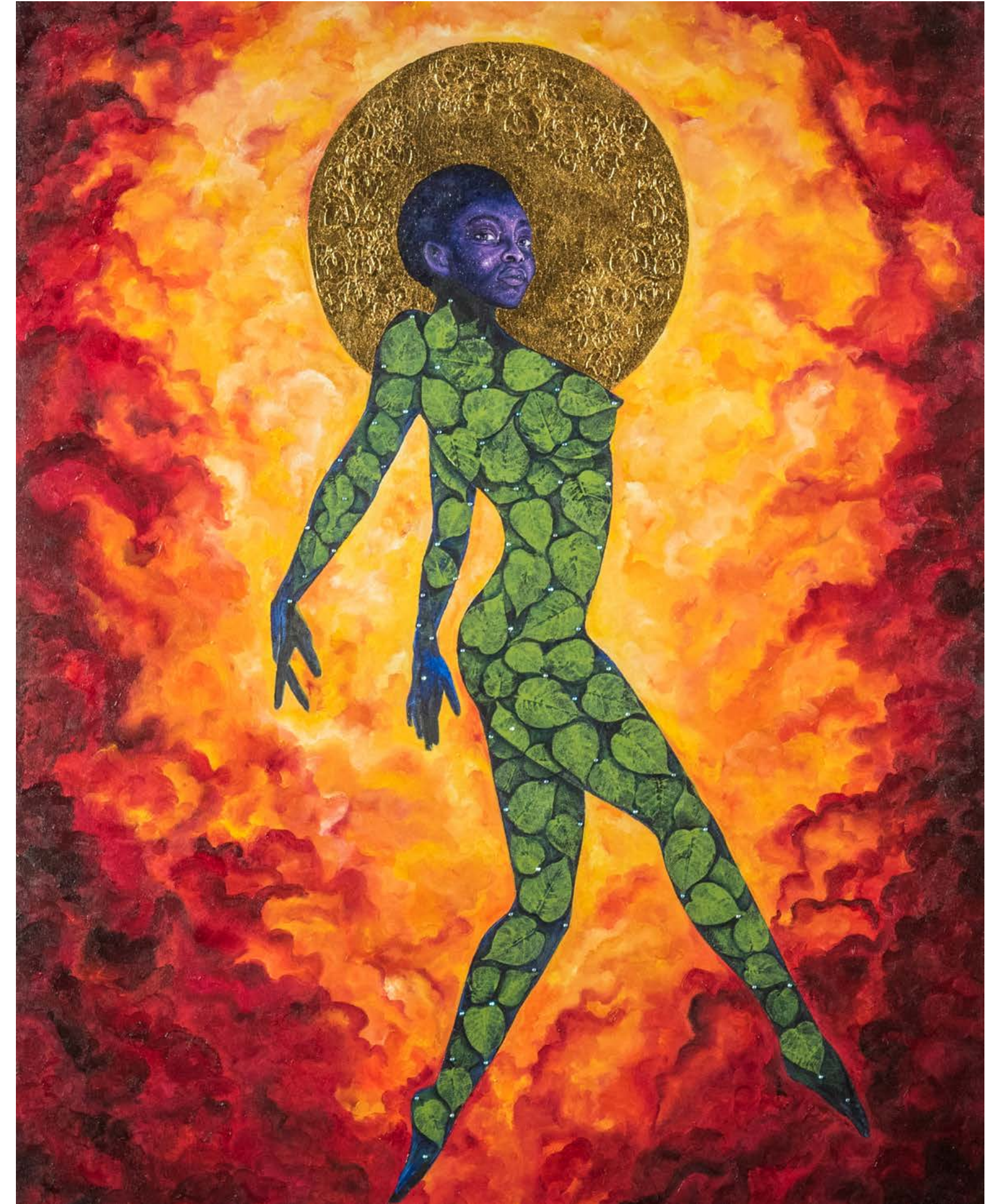




Of Resting and idea

Oil, acrylic , rhinestone, goldleaf , molding paste
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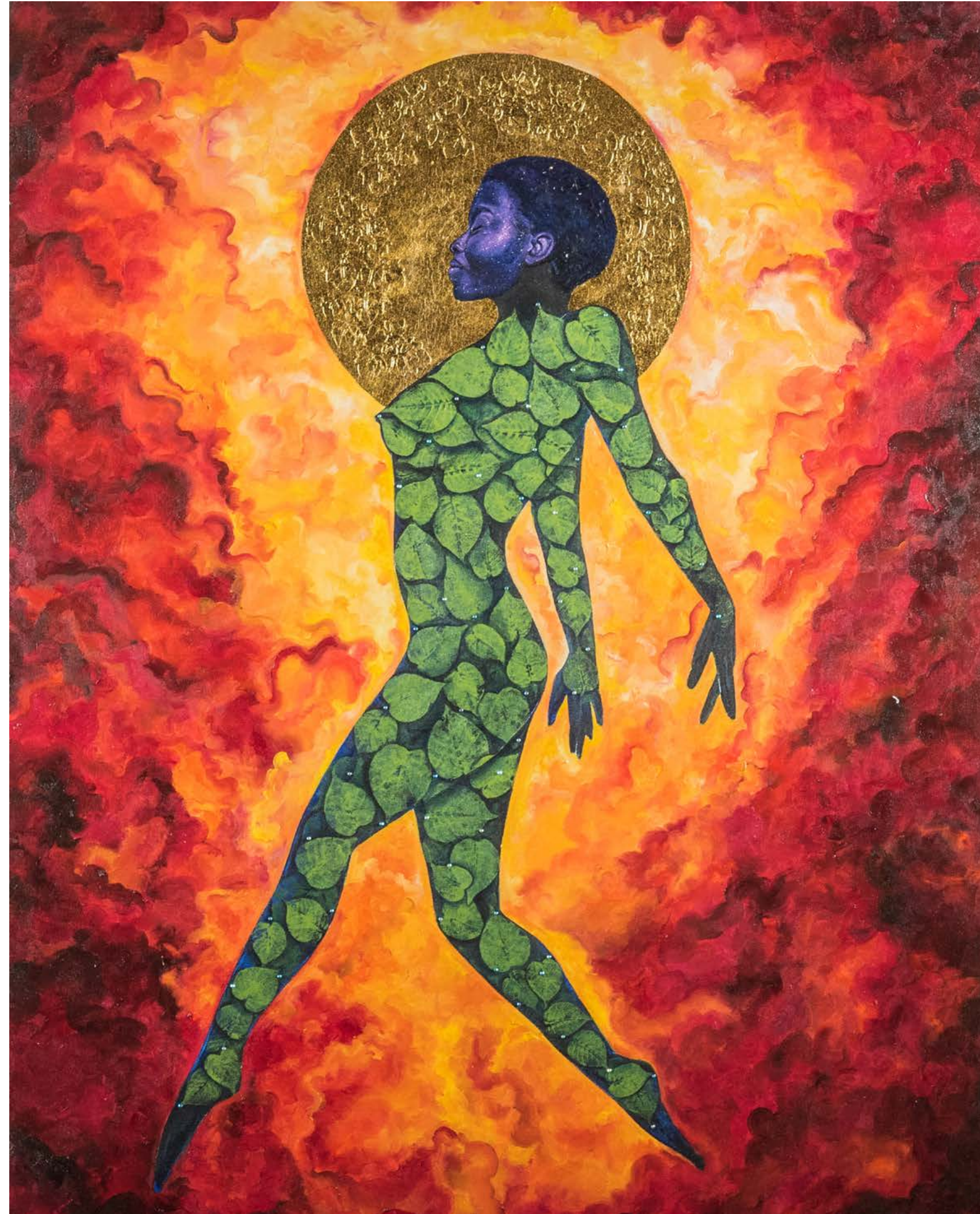
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Where do we go from our head "I"

Oil, acrylic , rhinestone, goldleaf , molding paste
1219.2 x 914.4 x 38.1 mm
2023

R50,600



Where do we go from our head " II "

Oil, acrylic , rhinestone, goldleaf , molding paste
1219.2 x 914.4 x 38.1 mm
2023

R50,600



Where do we go from our head " III "

Oil, acrylic , rhinestone, goldleaf , molding paste
1219.2 x 914.4 x 38.1 mm
2023

R50,600





Where do we go from our head " IV "

Oil, acrylic , rhinestone, goldleaf , molding paste
1219.2 x 914.4 x 38.1 mm
2023

R50,600



Of Forms and forming " I "

Oil, acrylic , rhinestone, goldleaf , molding paste
406.4 x 330.2 x 38.1 mm
2023

R7,500



Of Forms and forming " II "

Oil, acrylic , rhinestone, goldleaf , molding paste
406.4 x 330.2 x 38.1 mm
2023

R7,500



Of Forms and forming " III "

Oil, acrylic , rhinestone, goldleaf , molding paste
406.4 x 330.2 x 38.1 mm
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R7,500



Of Forms and forming "IV"

Oil, acrylic , rhinestone, goldleaf , molding paste
406.4 x 330.2 x 38.1 mm
2023

R7,500



Of Forms and forming "V"

Oil, acrylic , rhinestone, goldleaf , molding paste
406.4 x 330.2 x 38.1 mm
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R7,500





Of Forms and forming "VI"

Oil, acrylic, rhinestone, goldleaf, molding paste

406.4 x 330.2 x 38.1 mm

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