

# AUSTIN UZOR WINDOWS FOR FORGOTTON LANDSCAPES August 5 - September 18,2023



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For additional information or questions please call Elena Rodriguez at (361) 729-5519, or email elena@rockportartcenter.com.

### **About the Artist**

Born in the eastern part of Nigeria in the year 1991 Austin Uzor hails from Imo state. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2013 from the University of Nigeria Nsukka where he majored in drawing and painting. Shortly after graduation he kickstarted a studio practice which led to local and international recognition that set the groundwork for his first ever solo show in 2016 titled "Visitors" at the Rele gallery Lagos, Nigeria. Uzor, a skilled draftsman and experienced painter, explores the world of the unknown by means of psychological spaces, feelings, and alternate realities in search of existential truths. He moved to the US in 2016 and this move is now the subject of his most current body of work and narrative, focusing on the traumas of being displaced. He recently completed a Masters degree in Drawing and Painting from the University of North Texas, Denton where he was also a Teaching Fellow, teaching drawing and painting at the university. Uzor is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor teaching painting at Alfred University New York. Uzor has exhibited locally and internationally and as well had his works privately collected around Europe, Africa and the United States while being published frequently.

### **Artist Statement**

This body of work addresses recurring imageries of windows and landscapes in my work. Through themes of religion and migration I am using intersectionality and duality as vehicles to navigate the complex reality of regularly being in a state of flux. These paintings specifically translate memories of personal iconographic moments and spaces through the years, both good and bad using windows as symbolic portals into old and new worlds. Sometimes holding on to the past is all that there is. This is an attempt to compress specific memories into landscapes using ambiguity and abstraction as tools to express liminality.

#### **Curator Statement**

Much like memories, the figures and spaces in Uzor's work materialize then fade in to the background. The work is active, from the energetic brushstokes to the gestures of the people, from the saturate moments in a field of dark and muted color. Uzor's paintings are the type of art in which the veiwer can discover new moments and details every day for years yet still not fully understand the curios landscapes and their cryptic inhabitants. This is the type of art you can live with but never "own."



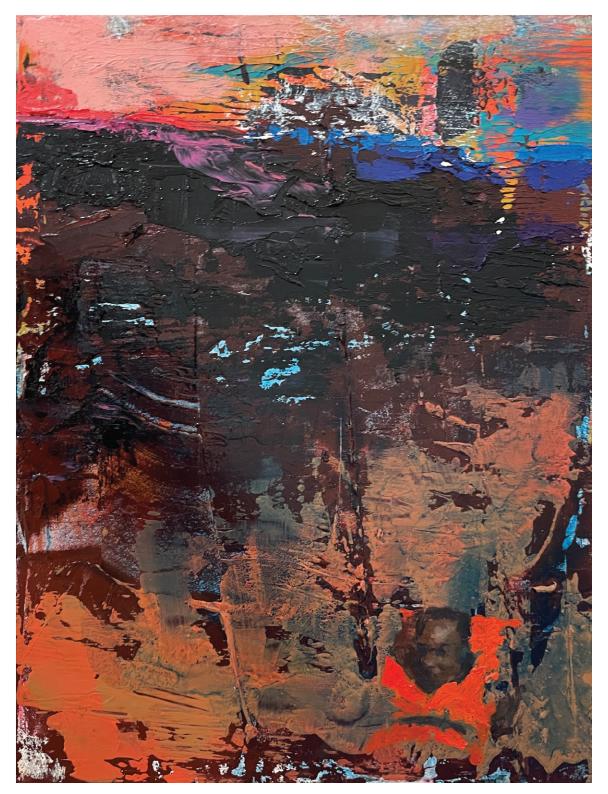
# Fever dreams; staycation, 2022 oil on panel 9 x 12

\$1800



## Pitch invaders, 2022

oil on panel 9 x 12 \$1800



### **Fluid as sand**, 2022 oil on panel 9 x 12 \$1800



### Fathers day in June, 2022 oil on panel 9 x 12 \$1800



## River of Silence II, 2022

oil on panel 9 x 12 \$1800



## Pathfinders, 2022

oil on panel 9 x 12 \$1800

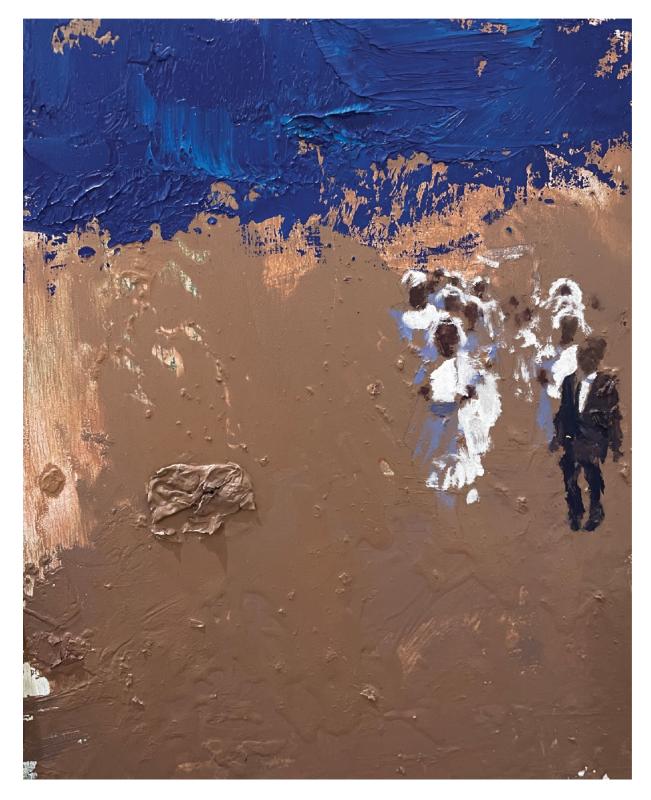


Fever dreams; Echoes in the dark, 2022 oil on panel 9 x 12 \$1800



# Wanderers, 2022

oil on panel 9 x 12 \$1800



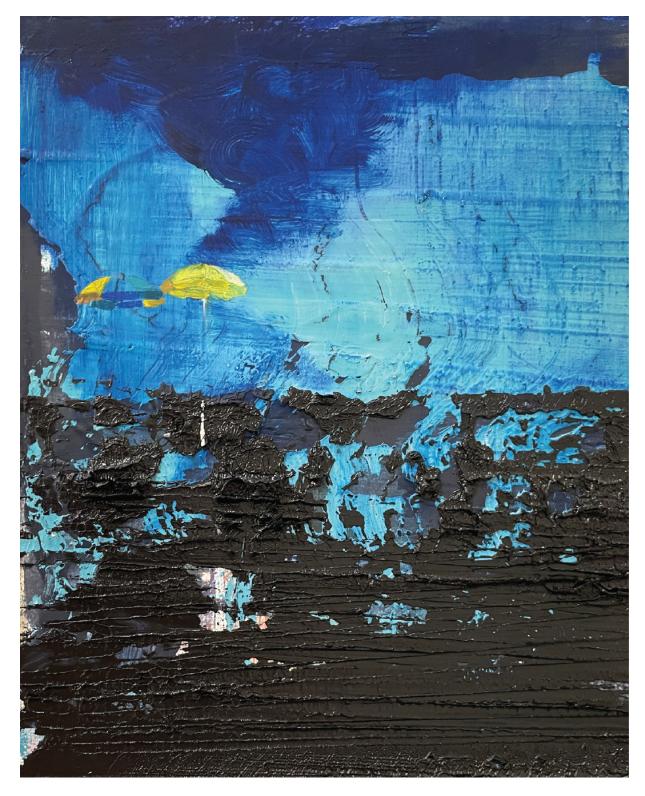
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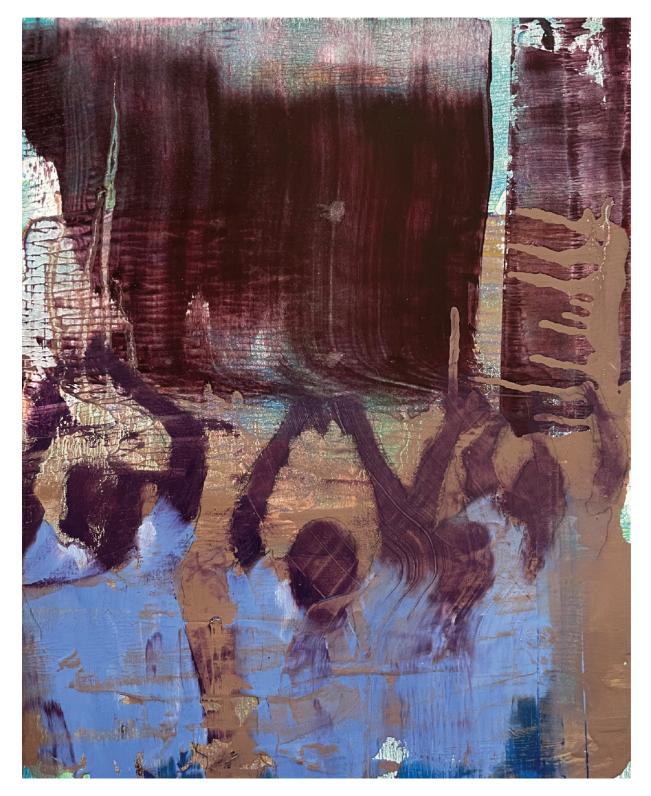
# What's a sunscreen to an unbeliever, 2022

oil on panel 8 x 10 \$1600



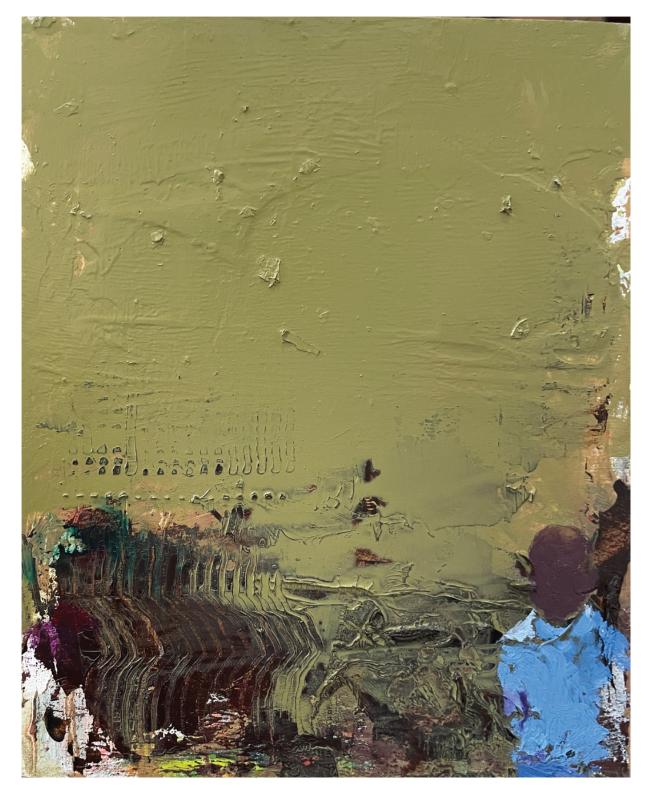
## Fever dreams; vacation, 2022

oil on panel 8 x 10 \$1600



# Latecomers, 2022

oil on panel 8 x 10 \$1600



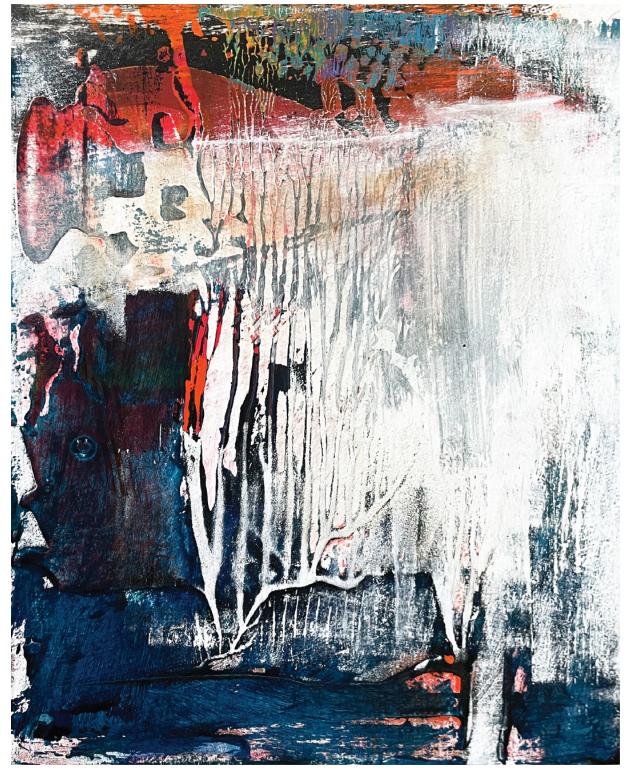
### **Atonement**, 2022 oil on panel 8 x 10 \$1600



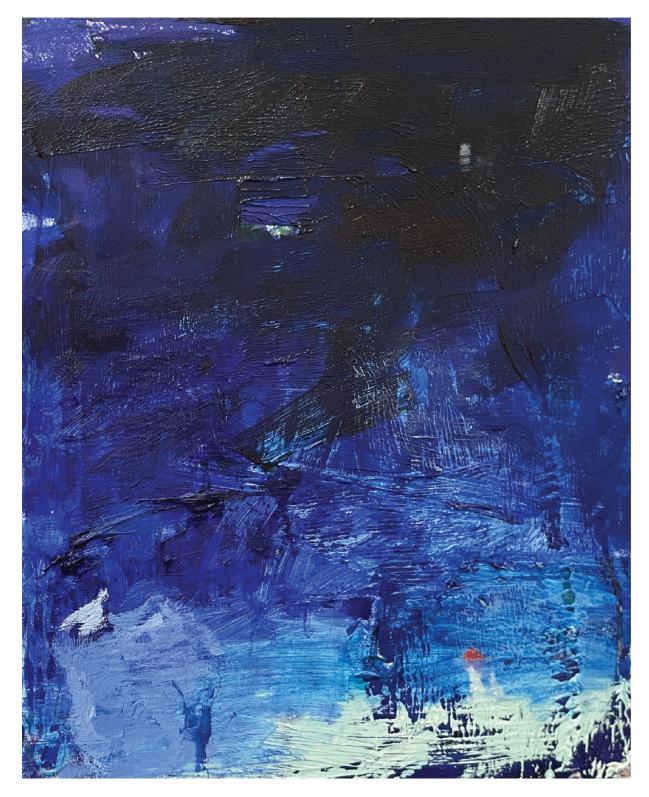
# Wildfire sympathisers, 2022 oil on panel 8 x 10

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# **Fever dreams; icy lake**, 2022 oil on panel 8 x 10 \$1600

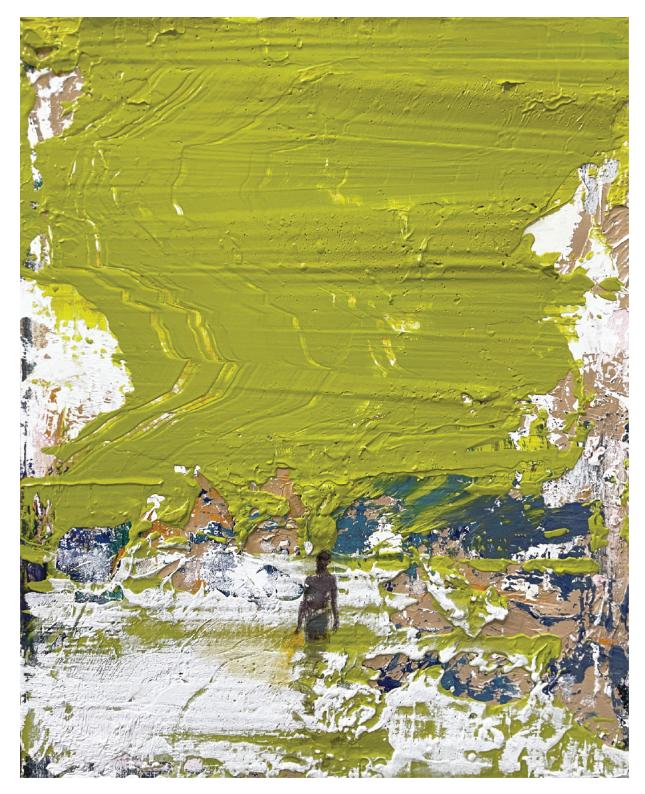


#### **Fever dreams; last bell**, 2022 oil on panel 8 x 10 \$1600



# Fever dreams, 2022

oil on panel 8 x 10 \$1600



## River of silence I, 2022

oil on panel 8 x 10 \$1600



**Window I**, 2022 oil, spray paint, hardware on wood 14 x 42 (each panel) NFS



#### Window II, 2022 spray paint on wood

spray paint on wood 14 x 42 NFS





detail

Window III, 2022 oil, acrylic, spray paint on wood 14 x 42 \$6000





detail

Window IV, 2022 oil, spray paint on wood 14 x 42 \$6000