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8 Fascinating New York Gallery Shows to See in April 2022

The arrival of spring brings with it a slew of incredible exhibitions by some of the most important artists, from Jean-Michel Basquiat to Dorothea Tanning

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Genesis Tramaine, Saint Eli, 2022. PHOTO: COURTESY ALMINE RECH

1. "Genesis Tramaine: Break of Day" at Almine Rech

Through April 23

Influenced by Bible verses and other religious readings, Genesis Tramaine makes abstract, psychologically charged paintings of saints and family members that are unlike anything you've ever seen in a house of worship. A self-proclaimed "Jesus freak and Bible nerd," the former New York public-school-math-teacher-turned-artist paints portraits of Jesus, Joseph and Mary with layered heads within heads and eyes upon eyes to portray "the shoulders we stand on and the angels that are all around." Claiming that God is trans and that "they" guide her hand, Tramaine reveals the level of her belief in both the intensity of her art in the exhibition "Break of Day" and the materials she lists in the creation of it, which—besides acrylics, oil sticks and oil pastels—intriguingly includes The Holy Spirit.