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Leelee Kimmel debuts with a solo show in Paris

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You may remember her as the actress who starred in *Eyes Wide Shut*, but Leelee Kimmel (nee Sobieski) has taken flight as an artist in recent years, and we couldn't be happier.

For her upcoming solo show “Nuwar” at Almine Rech (<https://www.alminerech.com/exhibitions/5467-leelee-kimmel>) Paris opening June 6 and her first show with the gallery, she's showing new acrylic paintings in her trademark colorful abstract style, which fuses worm-like figures on psychedelic and glittery backgrounds.



How else to put it?

“Leelee Kimmel’s paintings are investigations of inner and outer space, collisions between ur-ancient, chthonic nature and the hyper-sophisticated realm of modernist and postmodernist art histories, between the preverbal and the phantasmagoria of the library, terse and voluble, suddenly laughing then stonily silent,” says the writer David Rimaneli.



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