



Six of the most exciting gallery exhibitions to see in Paris this month

Jacqueline de Jong's first posthumous show, Rashid Johnson's latest explorations of interiority, and Moffat Takadiwa's post-colonial vision are among the standouts

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October is the month the art world flocks to Paris, with a number of fairs taking place and outstanding museum exhibitions opening. It is also prime time for galleries to put their brightest, most exciting artists on display, and the 2024 season does not disappoint. Here is a selection of six gallery shows to see in the French capital during Art Basel Paris.



Bob Smith, *Tiznit Morocco*, 1980. Courtesy of the Estate of Bob Smith and Emanuela Campoli. Photo: Max C Lee.



Bob Smith, *Saint Valentine*, 1983. Courtesy of the Estate of Bob Smith and Emanuela Campoli.

Bob Smith

'From Space Countries Have No Borders'

Emanuela Campoli

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Travel underpinned US artist Bob Smith's practice. Impressions from his time living in Morocco and Spain and his trips around the Middle East and Europe lingered in his work long after he returned to live in the United States. Smith was active in New York's avant-garde scene of the 1970s and 1980s, and some of the realist drawings and paintings shown here reflect the grunginess and bleakness of the city in that era. More represented, however, are the dreamy landscapes of Smith's imagination, which bring together small details from the different cultures he experienced. Particularly interesting are his intricate dioramas, which he called 'boxes,' encapsulating miniature worlds and ideas. The box *Tiznit Morocco* (1980) uses sea green and different shades of blue to create an underwater realm filled with amorphous shapes. The sole identifiable element is a black-and-white photo of a man, presumably the artist, against a palm tree-studded background, situating the scene somewhere between memory and dreamscape.