

MAURICE MBOA  
RELIANCE



FIRST US SOLO SHOW  
Opening Reception: November 26, 6–9 PM

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With *Reliance*, Maurice Mboa presents an exhibition that marks his arrival on a new continent and a new chapter in his life. His journey from Africa to Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and now the United States, forms a symbolic path across cultures. Each step has shaped his artistic language, and this show brings these influences together. His engraved metal works function like traces of memory – layers of experience, images, and symbols that he carves, recycles and reinterprets. The works feel like a personal archaeology, where the artist digs into his past to build something new.

For Mboa, *Reliance* expresses the idea of standing “at a crossroads” – a moment where identities, histories and energies connect. He sees himself as someone able to carry and transmit these connections. His life and art are inseparable, forming a kind of ongoing performance. In these new works, masculine and feminine figures appear like roots growing in different directions, suggesting regeneration and continuity.

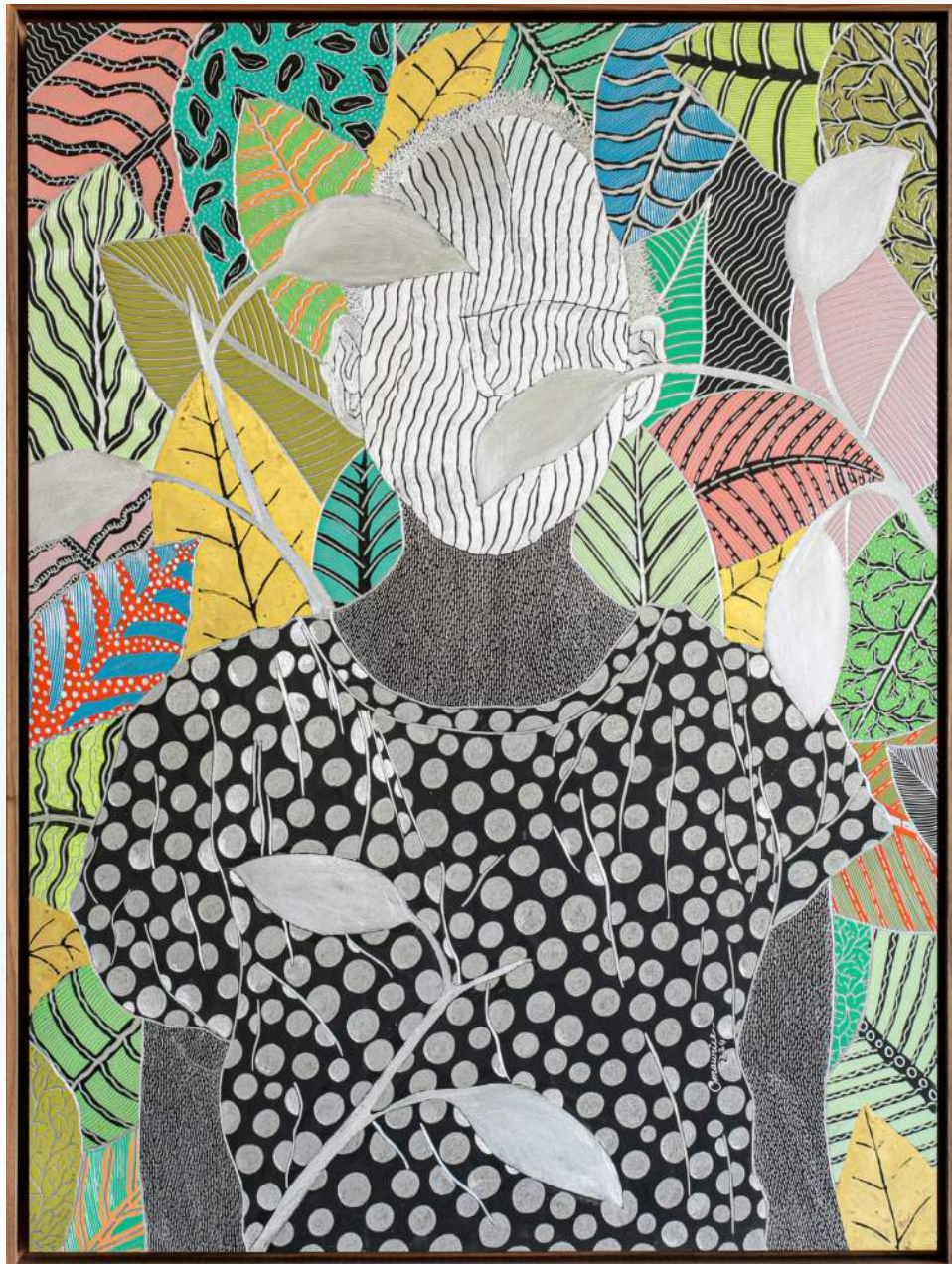
*Reliance* is not just a title; it reflects Mboa’s desire to create a link between where he comes from and where he is heading.

## MAURICE MBOA

Maurice Mboa (b. 1983, Yaoundé, Cameroon) is a self-taught, Geneva-based artist known for his distinctive technique of engraving painted metal sheets with a handmade glass tool. Rooted in the spiritual teachings of his grandmother, a traditional healer, his work explores the boundary between the visible and the invisible. Mboa’s faceless “soulprints” – figures that radiate presence without identity – reflect his belief that emotion and memory exist beyond physical form. His practice blends abstraction, symbolism, and a deep sense of ancestry.

His work has been exhibited internationally, including solo shows at Pace Gallery in Geneva and Tiger Gallery in London and Nassima Landau Art Foundation in Tel Aviv.





REGARD NAIF, 2025

Acrylic spray paint and gold leaf on engraved steel panel  
102.5 x 76.5 cm - 40.35 x 30.12 in.

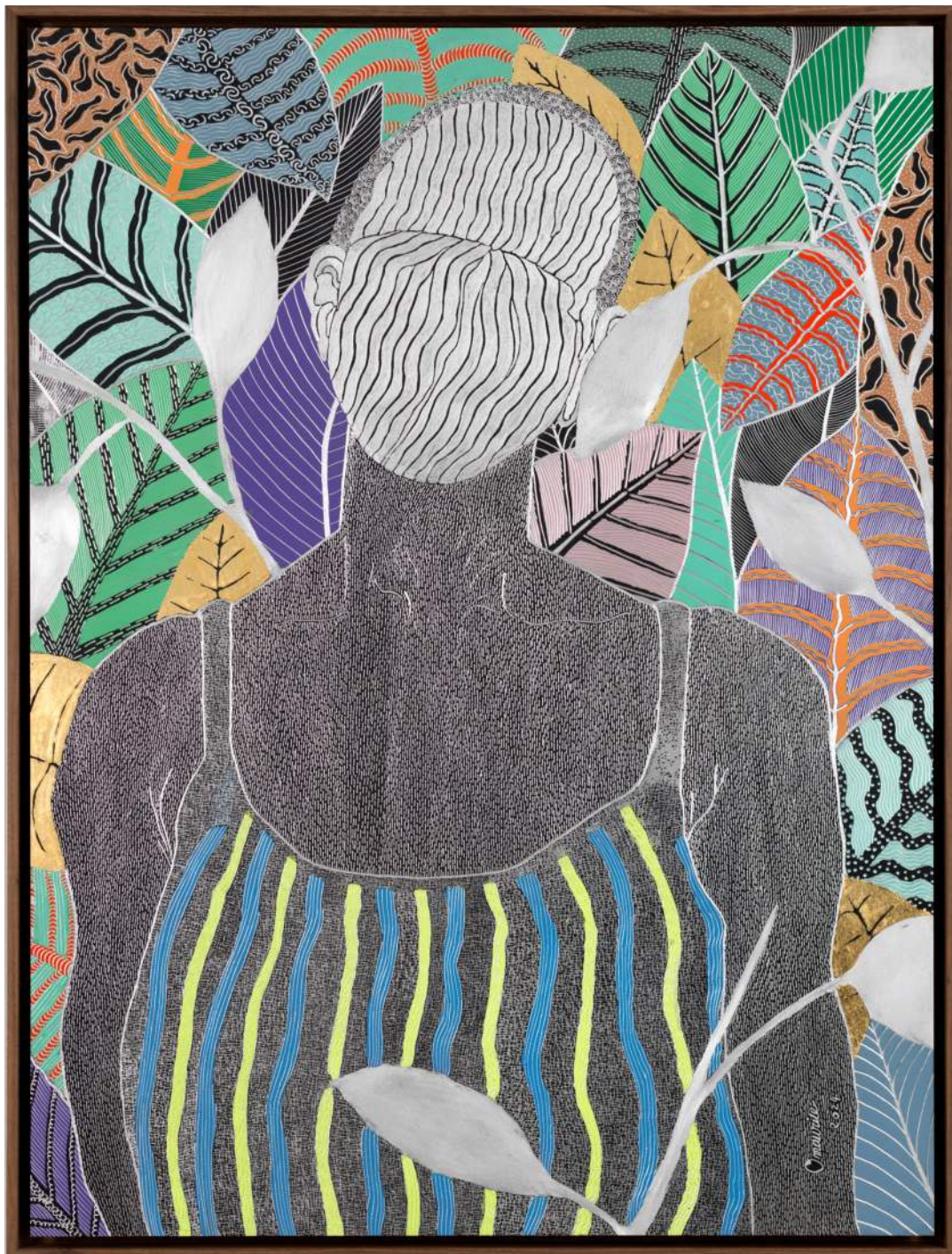
Framed in artist's frame: 106.5 x 80.5 cm - 41.92 x 31.69 in.

Price upon request









I FEEL THIS RIVER FLOWING IN MY SOUL, 2024  
Acrylic spray paint and gold leaf on engraved steel panel  
102.5 x 76.5 cm cm - 40.35 x 30.11 in.  
Framed in artist's frame: 106.5 x 80.5 cm - 41.9 x 31.6 in.

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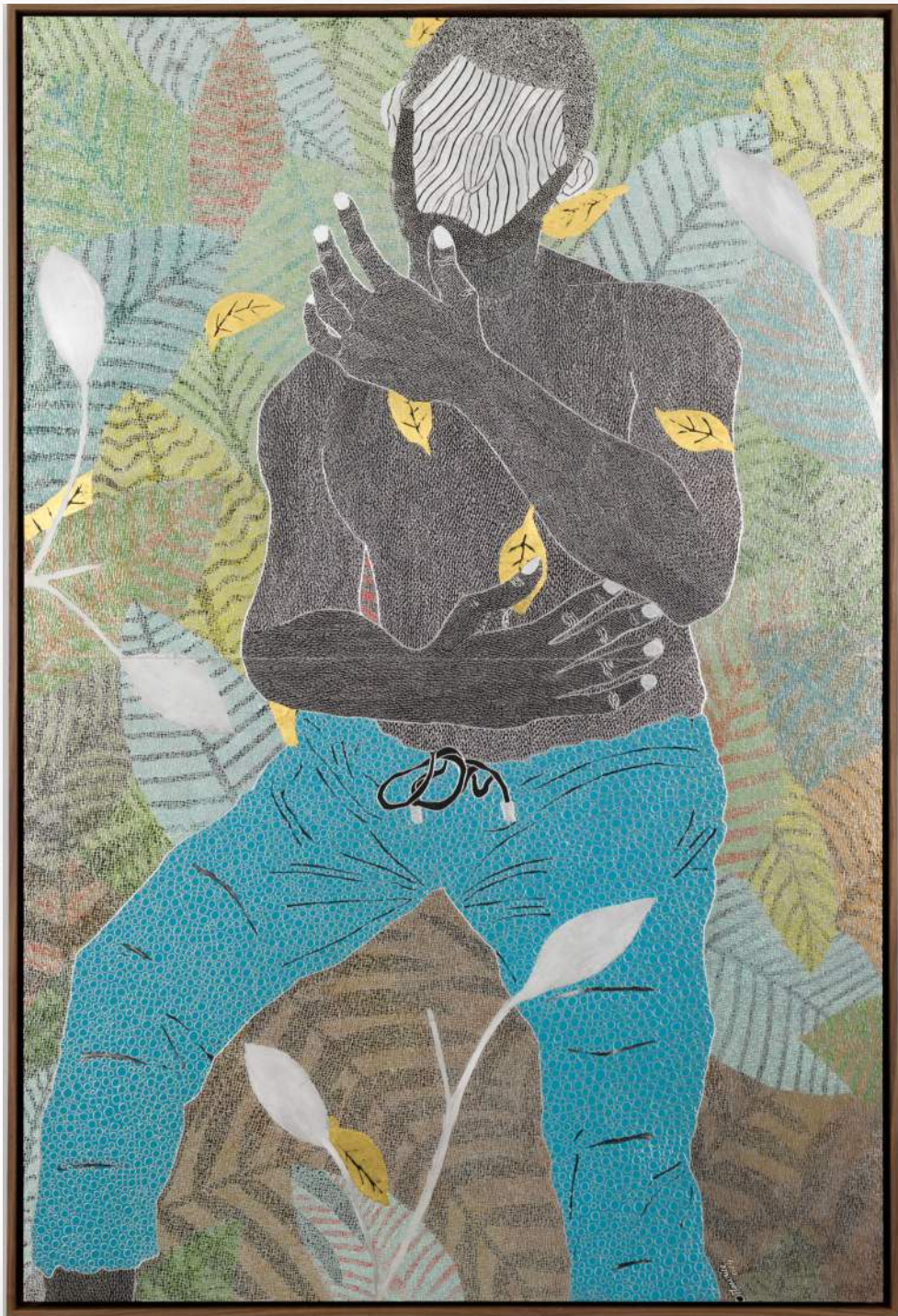
EZINGANG 2 (THE EMBODIMENT OF ONE OF US), 2025  
Acrylic spray paint and gold leaf on engraved steel panel  
157 x 102.5 cm - 61.8 x 40.35 in.  
Framed in artist's frame: 161 x 106.5 cm - 63.38 x 41.9 in.

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NATURAL ACQUISITION, 2024

Acrylic spray paint and gold leaf on engraved steel panel

153 x 102.5 cm - 60.23 x 40.35 in.

Framed in artist's frame: 157 x 106.5 cm - 61.8 x 41.9 in.

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ACQUISITION DIVINE, 2025

Acrylic spray paint and gold leaf on engraved steel panel

160 x 100 cm - 62.99 x 39.37 in.

Framed in artist's frame: 161 x 106.5 cm - 63.38 x 41.9 in.

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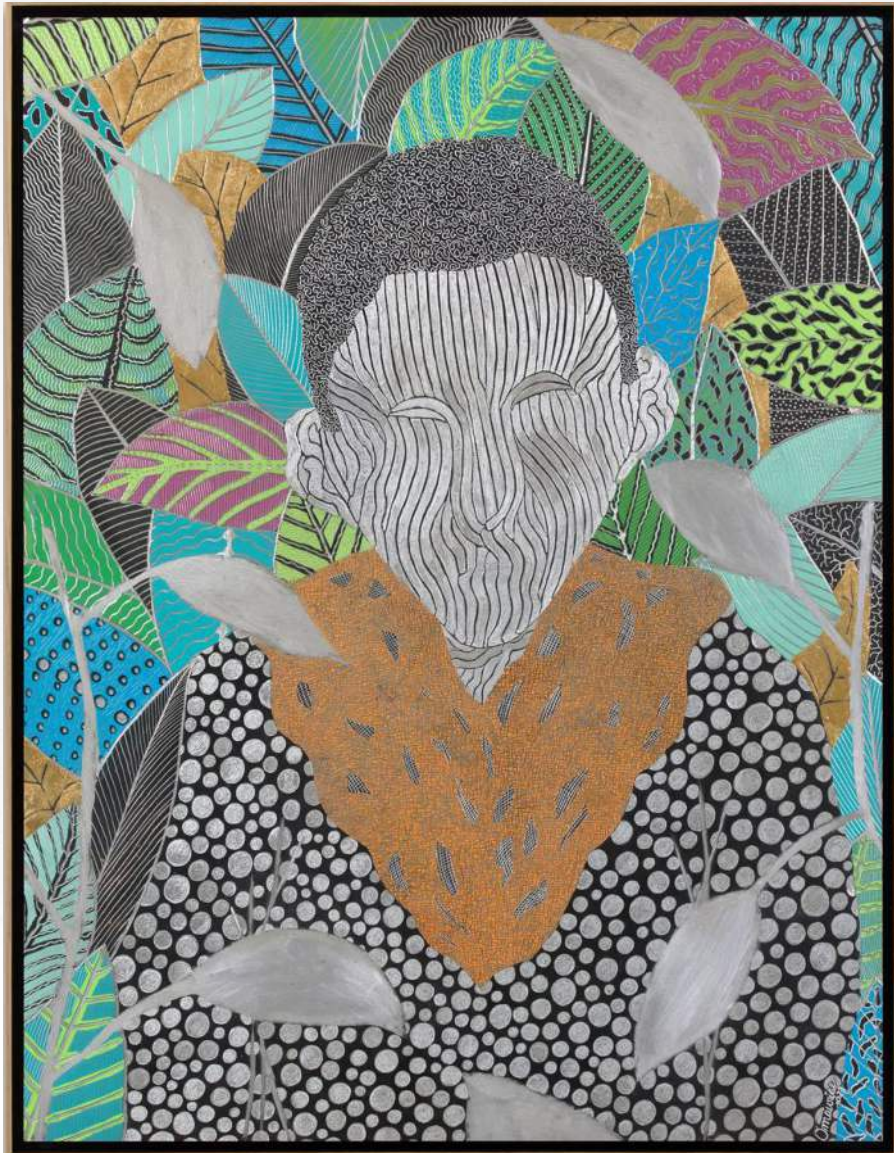
INDELIBLE, 2025

Acrylic spray paint and gold leaf on engraved steel panel  
197 x 197 cm - 77.55 x 77.55 in.

Framed in artist's frame: 201 x 201 cm - 79.13 x 79.13 in.

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L'HUMOUR DES SAGES, 2023  
Acrylic spray paint and gold leaves on engraved steel panel  
103 cm × 79 cm - 40.55 x 31.1 in.

Price upon request









TRANSITION ENERGETIQUE, 2025

Acrylic spray paint and gold leaf on engraved steel panel  
160 x 100 cm - 62.99 x 39.37 in.

Framed in artist's frame: 161 x 106.5 cm - 63.38 x 41.9 in.

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IMMERSION, 2025

Acrylic spray paint and gold leaf on engraved steel panel  
160 x 100 cm - 62.99 x 39.37 in.

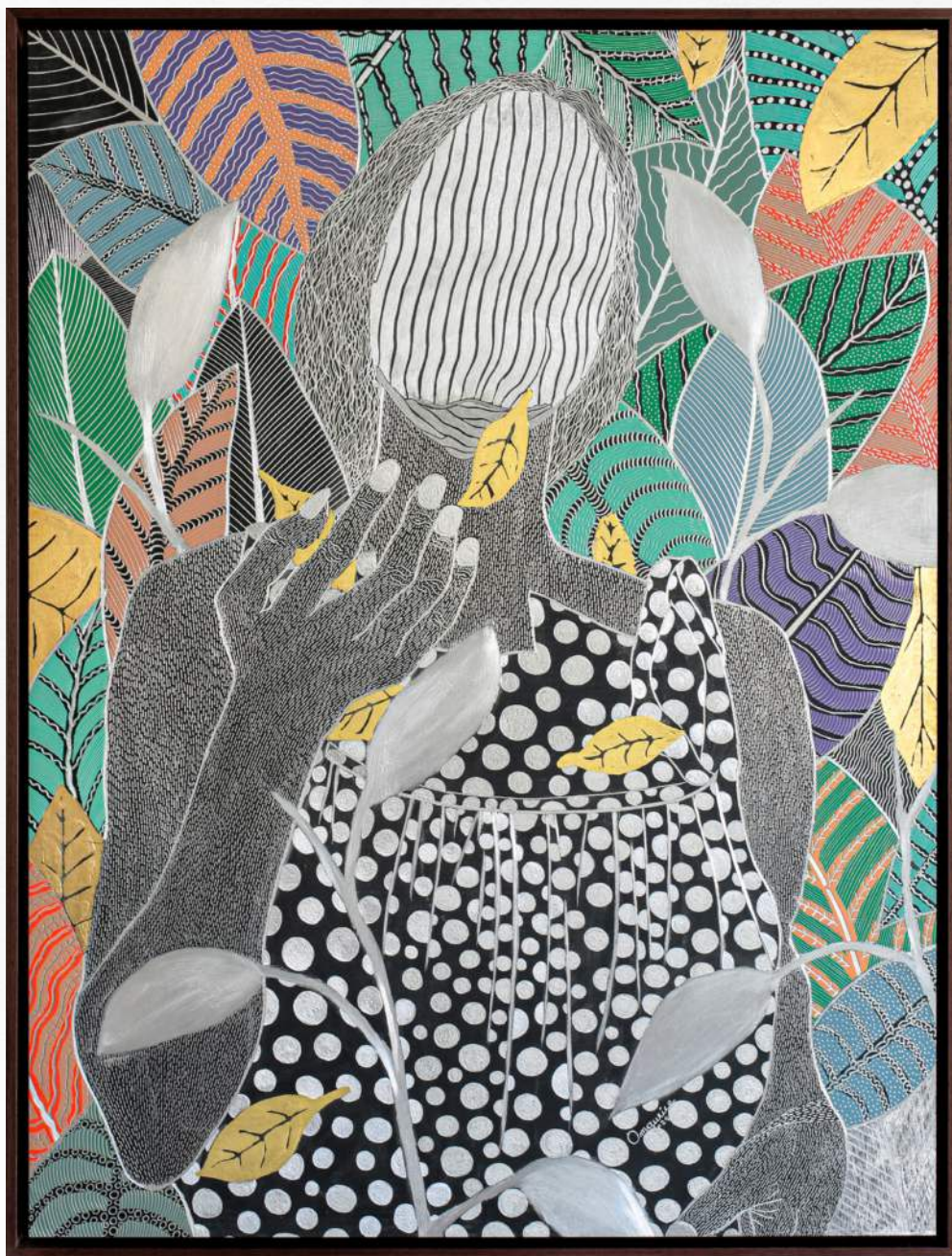
Framed in artist's frame: 161 x 106.5 cm - 63.38 x 41.9 in.

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ENTRE DEUX AMES, 2025  
Acrylic spray paint and gold leaf on engraved steel panel  
100 x 80 cm - 39.37 x 31.49 in.

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RELIANCE, 2025

Acrylic spray paint and gold leaf on engraved steel panel  
160 x 100 cm - 62.99 x 39.37 in.

Framed in artist's frame: 161 x 106.5 cm - 63.38 x 41.9 in.

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TRANSMISSION 1, 2025  
Acrylic spray paint and gold leaf on  
engraved steel panel  
65 x 55 cm - 25.59 x 21.65 in.



TRANSMISSION 2, 2025  
Acrylic spray paint and gold leaf on  
engraved steel panel  
65 x 55 cm - 25.59 x 21.65 in.

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