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HUNT SLONEM

MAY 15 – JUNE 7, 2026

OPENING RECEPTION: May 15 From 4-8pm

Santa Barbara, CA - Seimandi & Leprieur is pleased to announce the **in-person presence of Hunt Slonem** for a special evening at the gallery on Friday, May 15, from 4-8pm, marking his first visit to Santa Barbara and **announcing his collaboration with the gallery**. The exhibition features a curated selection of over twenty works by the artist.

Hunt Slonem is a leading figure of American Neo-Expressionism, known for his vibrant and instantly recognizable visual language. After studying at Tulane University, he established himself in New York in the 1970s, gaining early recognition with his first solo exhibition at the Fischbach Gallery in 1977.

His work is now included in over 250 museum collections worldwide, including the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Whitney Museum of American Art. His paintings, often centered on his iconic bunnies, alongside birds, butterflies, and tropical flora, are defined by rhythmic repetition, saturated color, and textured brushwork. This approach creates compositions that balance structure and movement, offering a meditative and immersive viewing experience. Slonem refers to his universe as "Exotica," a world shaped by his lifelong fascination with tropical environments and his daily proximity to nature in his studio, where he lives among exotic birds. Beyond painting, he is also known for restoring historic American homes, bringing together art, design, and heritage. Over decades, he has developed a singular body of work situated between abstraction, ornament, and figuration, offering a joyful yet contemplative exploration of perception, rhythm, and visual language.

During the opening evening, the artist will also sign his books, each uniquely enhanced with his iconic hand-drawn motifs. Guests will be welcomed with a wine reception, generously sponsored by Rideau Vineyard.

Space is limited, we encourage early RSVP by email at sb@seimandileprieur.com or with the [form online](#).

For further information, please contact the gallery.

Courtesy of Hunt Slonem: Shadow 2 - Oil & Acrylic w/ Diamond Dust on wood - 15 x 13 in