

# Louis B. James

## Uman *35 Years a Black Sheep*



December 10, 2015 through January 31, 2016  
Opening Thursday December 10, 6:00 to 8:00

Louis B. James is pleased to present a solo exhibition by Uman, the gallery's first with the artist, entitled *35 Years a Black Sheep*. Uman is a multidisciplinary, self-taught artist whose work fuses intuitive abstraction with impressions of nature, displaying an irrepressible urge to create.

Uman's work spans media, from painting on canvas to sculptures comprised of found and scavenged objects. A raw and emotional thread runs throughout her oeuvre, infusing the work with memories of a childhood spent in Somalia and Kenya alongside her relationship to the landscape of upstate New York, where she currently resides and works.

This particular exhibition is comprised of painted blankets, some made of polar fleece, some quilted, some wool, in one case a terry cloth towel. The paintings are primarily abstract, though magical figuration does appear. They function as hybrid painting/objects and call to mind animal hides and devotional garments, as well as expressionist abstract painting. The blankets are at once soft and rough, with jagged tears and dark and aggressive globs of red paint.

It is her second solo show in New York, following a debut at White Columns in September 2015. Concurrent with the exhibition at Louis B. James, the gallery will be presenting Uman's work at the Outside Art Fair – New York, at the Metropolitan Pavilion, from January 21 through 24, 2016. Uman (b. 1980) lives and works in upstate New York, and is affiliated with the '137 Artists collective,' a New York studio established by Dr. Annatina Miescher, a Swiss-born, New York-based practicing psychiatrist. Uman and other artists from the studio have collaborated with artist Bjarne Melgaard on exhibitions at Ramiken Crucible, New York, and the ICA, London, both 2012. To learn more about 137AC please visit [www.137AC.org](http://www.137AC.org).

Louis B. James is located at 143b Orchard Street, NY. For more information please email [info@louisbjames.com](mailto:info@louisbjames.com) or call 212 533 4670. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 to 6:00 and Sunday from 12:00 to 6:00. The gallery will be closed from December 21 through January 4.