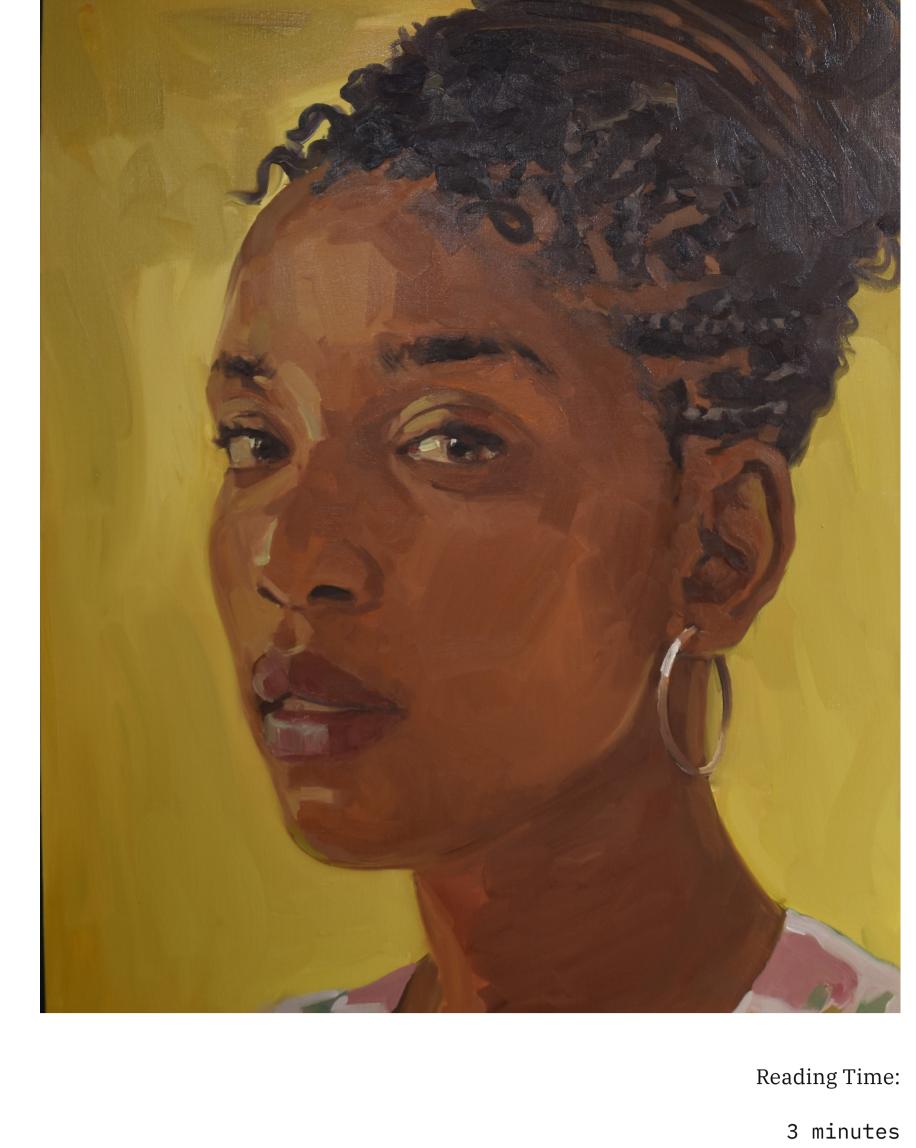
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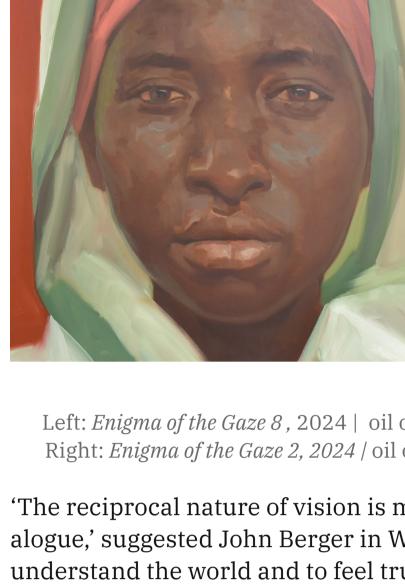
he Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, Berlin is delighted to

present The Enigma of the Gaze, a solo exhibition of all new paintings by the Ethiopian artist Tewodros Hagos. Hagos has long been fascinat-

gaze as a powerful form of non-verbal communication, a window into the soul. Filling the gallery with a crowd of larger-than-life faces, he invites us into a space that is both intimate and challenging.

ed by how portraiture can simultaneously convey complex emotional states

and confront the viewer. In this latest series, he focuses specifically on the



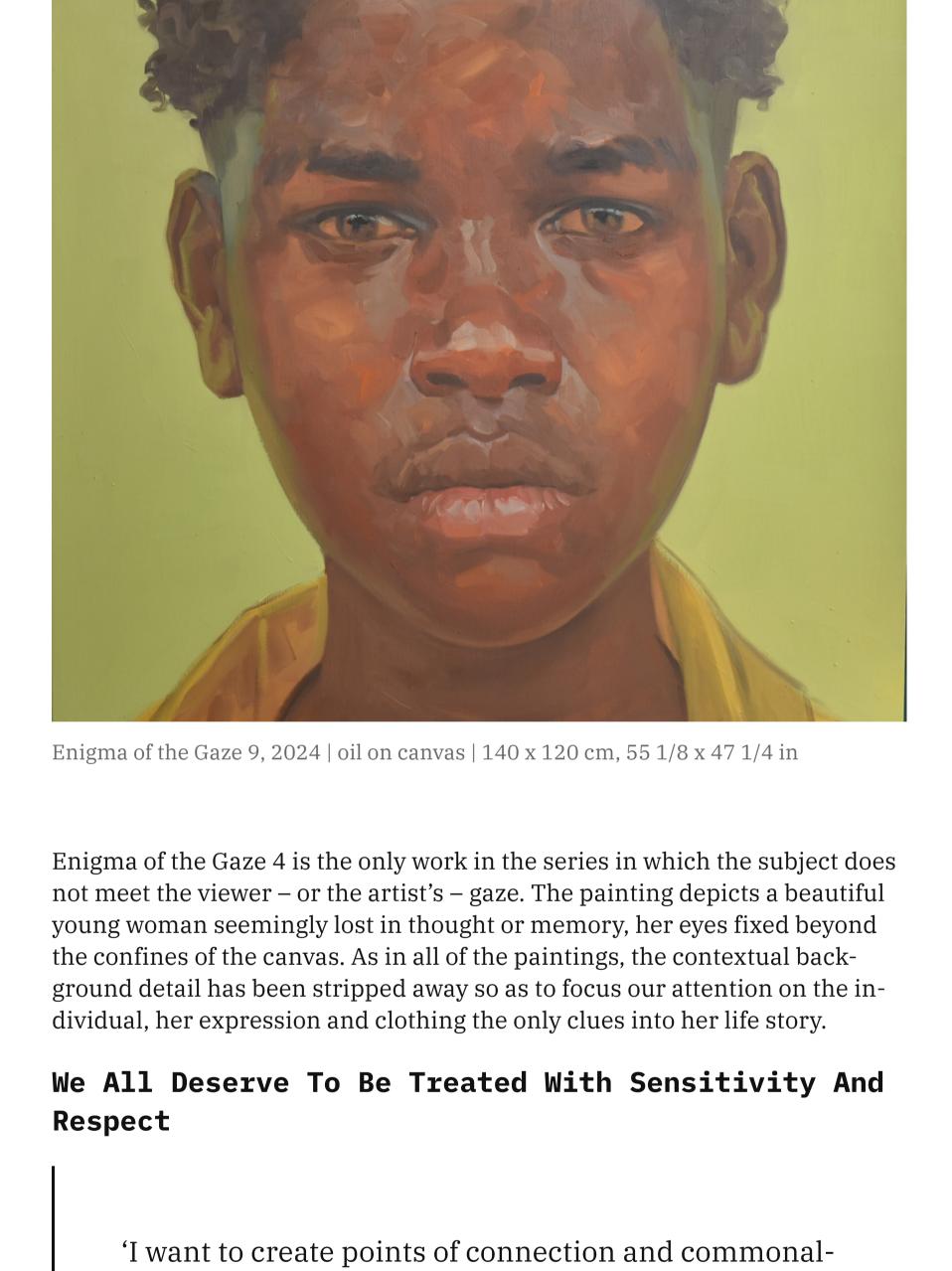


appeal to our shared sense of humanity by highlighting the complex interiority of his subjects.

Reflect On The Judgments We Make

overlooked individuals, this is one of the central aims of his portraiture: to

In this latest series, quick, spontaneous brushstrokes create a subtle impression of movement as if not just one, but many emotions were moving across his subjects' face while their outturned gazes appear to at the same time 'see' us, to follow us around the room and bore into our backs. The effect is unsettling: we feel watched and are, in turn, forced to turn our own gaze inwards, to see ourselves within the space and to reflect on the judgments we make.



While many of the portraits project a sense of vulnerability or even sadness, Hagos' intention is not to expose his subjects but to elevate them. They are not, as was traditionally the case with the subjects of portraiture, patrons or nobles; they are ordinary people who are just as complex and deserving of our attention. All of the figures, especially the women, appear powerful, radiant and mysterious, their features accentuated by areas of luminosity almost

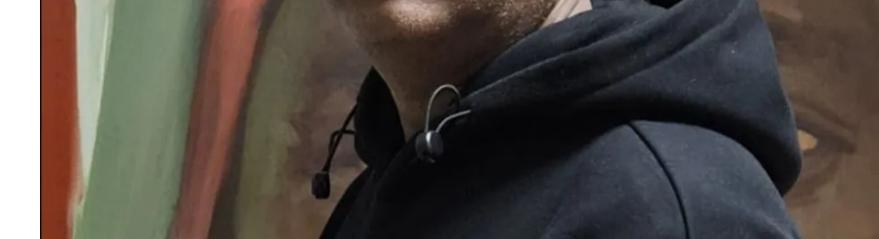
as if they were standing in a spotlight. We may never be able to know another

person fully, the artist seems to suggest, but we all deserve to be treated with

ity, so that people can see themselves in the other.'

Tewodros Hagos.

sensitivity and respect.



The Enigma Of The Gaze **Tewodros Hagos**

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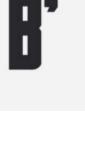
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Header Image: Enigma of the Gaze 3, $2024 \mid oil \ on \ canvas \mid 120 \ x$

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