



What Am I

#### ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

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**Medium:** Oil and Resin on Aluminium  
**Type:** Unique work  
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**Year:** 2014  
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#### PROVENANCE

Acquired directly from the artist. Certificate of Authenticity held by the collector.

#### CONDITION

Mint condition. The work presents in pristine, exhibition-ready state with no visible surface defects, colour loss, or handling wear. Professionally framed in a high-quality presentation frame. Ready to install.

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## Painting

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Karim Ghidinelli was born in Brescia, Italy in 1976 and spent formative years across Guinea Bissau, Ethiopia, and Namibia before completing his art education at Chelsea College of Arts and Design in London. This peripatetic upbringing infuses his practice with a sustained inquiry into identity, passage, and the marks we leave on one another. His signature technique — oil and resin applied to aluminium — produces surfaces of remarkable optical complexity, simultaneously reflective and layered. Ghidinelli is represented by Abbozzo Gallery (Toronto and Barcelona), Galerie LeRoyeur (Montreal), Onessimo Fine Art (Palm Beach), and Conrad West Gallery (Las Vegas).

#### ARTWORK DESCRIPTION

*What Am I* is one of Ghidinelli's most philosophically direct works — the title posing the central question of his practice as an explicit challenge to the viewer. The fingerprint rendered at 72 x 60 inches becomes both answer and question: the most fundamental marker of individual identity made monumental, the handwritten text spiralling through the print barely legible yet insistent, accumulating meaning through repetition rather than clarity. Against the luminous blue-gold ground, the mark simultaneously asserts presence and dissolves into abstraction — identity as both fact and mystery.

#### VALUATION

**Estimated Gallery Value:** \$22,000 – \$30,000 USD

**Insured Value:** \$42,000 – \$58,000 USD

#### CURATORIAL NOTES

*What Am I* is a major 2014 work that reinforces the collection's significant depth in Ghidinelli. The title's directness and the scale of the work make it one of the most immediately legible and emotionally resonant pieces in the Ghidinelli grouping.

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES

**Market Context:** Comparable large-format Ghidinelli works on aluminium are listed at CAD \$15,000–\$20,000 at Abbozzo Gallery and USD \$20,000 at Conrad West and Onessimo Fine Art. Direct artist provenance with Certificate of Authenticity.