REYDEL ESPINOSA FERNANDEZ





Protagonist of Surrealist Art





"I owe my artworks to be seen by the world"

- Born in 1985, CUETO, CUBA
- 2000-2005 Artisan school degree
- Self-taught artist in surrealism
- Had solo and joint exhibitions in Cuba, France, Italy, Mexico, Taiwan, Turkey, and the US

AWARDS

- Honourable Mentioned for the **Contemporary Expressions** Award 2022, Spain
- Talent Prize Award by Art Show International Gallery 2022, USA
- American Art Award Category Surrealism 3rd Place 2022, USA
- Mention Prize by the jury of Salon des Artistes Français 2023, France



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SOLO EXHIBITION

2020

NEW TAIPEI CITY, TAIWAN — LOVE AND SHARE SUMARI ART GALLERY

2019

NEW TAIPEI CITY, TAIWAN — AWAKENING SUMARI ART GALLERY

2018

HAVANA, CUBA —NEW SPECIES CARMEN MONTILLA GALLERY

2017

HAVANA, CUBA — ANIMAL INTELLIGENCE CARMEN MONTILLA GALLERY

2015

CAPPADOCIA, TURKEY - FAIRIES

2010

HAVANA, CUBA —SPECIES
CARMEN MONTILLA GALLERY

2009

HAVANA, CUBA — LACTATION CARMEN MONTILLA GALLERY

2007

HOLGUIN, CUBA — INNOCENCE CUETO ART GALLERY



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JOINT EXHIBITION

2023

PARIS, FRANCE

ART CAPITAL (SALON DES ARTISTES FRANCAIS)

2022

- PARIS, FRANCE
 SALON DES BEAUX ARTS 2022
 SALON D'AUTOMNE 2022
- BIENNALE CHIANCIANO, ITALY
- NEW YORK CITY, USA ArtExpo NEW YORK 2022
- RED DOT MIAMI, USA

2021
NEW MEXICO CITY, MEXICO — BESTIARY
AGUAFUERTE ART GALLERY

2019

- MIAMI, USA
 SPECTRUM MIAMI ART FAIR
- PARIS, FRANCE
 ART SHOPPING PARIS ART FAIR
- TAIPEI, TAIWAN TO GIVE
 CHANG-KAI SHEK MEMORIAL ART GALLERY
- TAOYUAN, TAIWAN CUBAN ARTS
 TAOYUAN CITY CULTURAL DEPARTMENT

2018
TAOYUAN, TAIWAN — CUBAN ARTS
SUMARI ART GALLERY

2016 HAVANA, CUBA CARMEN MONTILLA GALLERY



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JOINT EXHIBITION
2014
HOLGUÍN, CUBA
CULTURAL CENTER

2014 HOLGUÍN, CUBA CITY HALL

2008 HOLGUÍN, CUBA YEARLY SALON CUETO

2007 HOLGUÍN, CUBA YEARLY SALON CUETO





Born in 1985, REYDEL ESPINOSA immersed himself in drawings since his early childhood. When other children were playing the football or swimming in the ocean catching fish, the young boy REYDEL was drawing out endless imaginations in his mind on papers. He then was determined to become an artist at the age of 14 years old through self-taught process. Compared to artists with formal trainings from art academies, he has demonstrated less traditional and more liberal ideas in his creation. He considers the originality of an artwork's idea is far more significant than the techniques. He said "Instead of imposing my ideas on the spectators, I would rather they are empowered to interpret what they see in my artworks. I consider myself a storyteller, and the story comes from my imaginations."

Although REYDEL is a self-taught artist, he has outstanding painting techniques. He gained his advanced skills through thorough and intense studies, analysis and emulations of great art masters' artworks. He received formal education from artisan school where they provided trainings in hand-made but not in painting skills. However, his abundant imaginations are unleashed uncontrollably in his paintings. Together with his persevering pursuit of perfecting his techniques, he gradually shapes his signature style in surrealism with a personal touch, especially in the animal themes. REYDEL mentioned "All species in the nature synchronize and coexist in harmony without the participation of human beings." He loves to create characters with a sense of humor in his artworks. For example, personified apes acting out intelligently, mimicking human beings, often cause a good laugh out of spectators. "In the vortex of my dream world, apes and peacocks stand out. They represent different meanings in my fantasy artworks." In many of REYDEL's paintings, the apes are the protagonists as they are funny and mysterious at the same time. As to the mutant peacock, she gives splashes of beauty to his surrealist painting while she breastfeeds metamorphic creatures. Peacocks in rare transformation are inconceivable yet so astonishingly beautiful in his invented universe.



The remarkable influence since the beginning of his surrealist creations is from the painter Bosch (1450-1516). Bosch's medieval dream metaphors, which were full of witches, alchemy, magic, bestiaries and hagiographies, inspire REYDEL's imaginations to depict the fictional world full of creative imageries. His most influential work on him is "The Garden of Earthly Delights". According to REYDEL, "the triptych reaches an enigmatic and exaggerated tone. It demonstrates, at the same time, the opposing ideologies of the proper natural obedience and the improper sinful disobedience of the human creature. The artist uses sarcastic and humorous approach to express his ironies." Thus, REYDEL is keen on not only producing works with technical perfection but also with themes that inspire the spectators to reflect on their own points of view.

Metaphysics is another topic that REYDEL is deeply interested in. This branch of philosophy plays its significant role of boosting his imaginative and subconscious mind. Mutant and mythical creatures emerge from his inner universe. Meditation is an important step for his creative process to produce the original ideas and figurations. Animals are given life in his works with virtues and intelligence to do impossible things. He said "It is a sacred mission and necessity for me as an artist, to bring these inner imageries to light as they represent some unique spiritual value."

"The inventions of the creatures and compositions of my paintings, completely depend on my emotional status. For instance, listening to my favorite music, moving the paintbrush whimsically, I am enlightened to create mutant creatures. The color tone of my artworks goes from monochromatic to saturated spectrums, as close to the limit of expectation as possible." Although REYDEL cannot always show the desired color he has in his mind due to the lack of painting materials in Cuba, he always tries to express beyond rations, and beyond defined principles via transcendent animals' distinctive features and acts. In the future, he plans to write down a complete tale based on his current artworks, in which creatures living in another dimension or universe have their own customs and civilization. Maybe every piece of his artwork is depicting a certain scene or a small anecdote in this story. However, he now focuses on creating independent pieces according to his heart, that are worth looking forward to.

1985年出生的REYDEL ESPINOSA,從小就沉浸在繪畫的世界裡,當其他的孩子泥土地上踢足球,或是跳進海裡游泳學著捕魚,然而年幼的REYDEL卻是握著畫筆,將腦海中源源不絕的創意思想畫 進紙張裡,14歲的時候立定志向,決心成為一名藝術家,透過自學的方式進行創作,REYDEL的繪 畫作品比起學院派的藝術家更多了自在飛翔的意識形態,他認為作品內的原創性比學術技巧來得重要許多,REYDEL說到:「與其讓觀眾覺察到我所建議的喻象,他們更有權解釋自己的觀點。我認 為自己是一個說故事的人,而我的故事來自我的想像力。」

即便是自學出身,REYDEL的繪畫技巧卻毫不遜色,經常透過仔細觀察與研讀模擬藝術大師的作品來精進自己。工藝學校在於手工技術的訓練而非繪畫技巧,然而他自由奔放的想像力無法遏止的透過努力自學而逐一成形自己風格的專業筆觸,特別是以「動物」為主題。REYDEL說到:「在沒有人類參與的情況下,自然界的物種之間呈現完美的協同性節奏。」REYDEL喜歡在畫作中創造出幽默感,比如說人猿透過牠們獨特的肢體動作以及被賦予擬人化的行為,常能讓觀賞者會心一笑。「在我夢世界的渦漩裡,人猿和孔雀脫穎而出。他們在我奇幻般的藝術作品中代表了不同含義。」在REYDEL許多作品中,人猿才是主角,因為他想要神秘中又帶有幽默感。而孔雀哺育著畫作中的變種生物在他的超現實世界中能給予一種豐盛而恣意的美感。然而,有著乳房的孔雀是一種讓人根本都無法想像的稀有變種卻又如此代表美麗。



REYDEL作品是超現實主義的表現方式,很早期就受到荷蘭畫家波希(Hieronymus Bosch,1450–1516)的影響,波希被認為是20世紀超現實主義的啟發者之一,他多數的畫作在描繪聖經中罪惡與人類道德的沉淪。在15世紀的時候,波西即以繪畫呈現腦中對未知世界的幻想,關於天堂、人間、地獄,荒誕、獵奇卻又真實的令人不禁一看再看。其中《人間樂園》(The Garden of Earthly Delights)這幅作品對REYDEL的影響甚為深遠,目前收藏於馬德里普拉多博物館的這幅巨作,在波希細膩的筆觸中,可以一窺五百年前人類對於世界的想像,那些奇幻的觀點讓後人世世代代解讀咀嚼畫中真意。REYDEL認為「這幅三聯畫達到了一種神秘而誇張的調性,它同時展示了人類正確地自然順服與不正確地充滿罪惡的悖逆兩種相對立的意識形態。畫家有著藉由玩笑與諷刺來反諷的風格。由於波西的影響,我不僅熱衷於製作技術完美的作品,而且更熱衷於能啟發觀眾反映己身觀點之主題。」

在波西作品中那些中世紀的繪畫元素,像是煉金術、魔法、動物預言、聖經故事和聖徒之夢的象徵都有助於啟蒙REYDEL繽紛而華麗的想像世界。靈性科學(metaphysics)對於REYDEL有極深的影響,湧現於REYDEL潛意識的內在宇宙,是由神話裡的突變生物所組成,源於孔雀意象的變種動物,將絢麗帶入REYDEL的超現實宇宙。而冥想則是REYDEL創作過程中產生原創想法和原創角色的重要步驟,透過這個過程,想像力自在地奔馳著,而作品中的動物們是被賦予美德和智慧的生命,而能做著現實中不可能做到的事情。「對我而言,身為一名藝術家的神聖使命,就是將這些我內在附有精神性價值的內在心像帶入陽光中。Iowe my artworks to be seen by the world」REYDEL說到。



「在我作品中的生物及其組成元素的發想,完全取決我的情緒狀態。例如,聽著我最喜歡的音樂,異想天開地移動畫筆,就能驅使我去創造變種生物。我的作品內的色彩,從色譜中的單色到近乎極限的飽和色都存在。」即便在某些情況下無法讓REYDEL表現出真正想要的顏色,因為古巴的藝術材料有限,然而他總是試著去超越理性及原則性的透過動物特徵與動作來表達。未來將以他目前作品為根源,寫下一個有自己文明的異想世界族類的故事,而他創作的每一幅畫或許就是這個故事中的其中一個小角落和事件。但是現在的REYDEL更專注於將靈感作為獨立作品來發展,值得眾人期待。





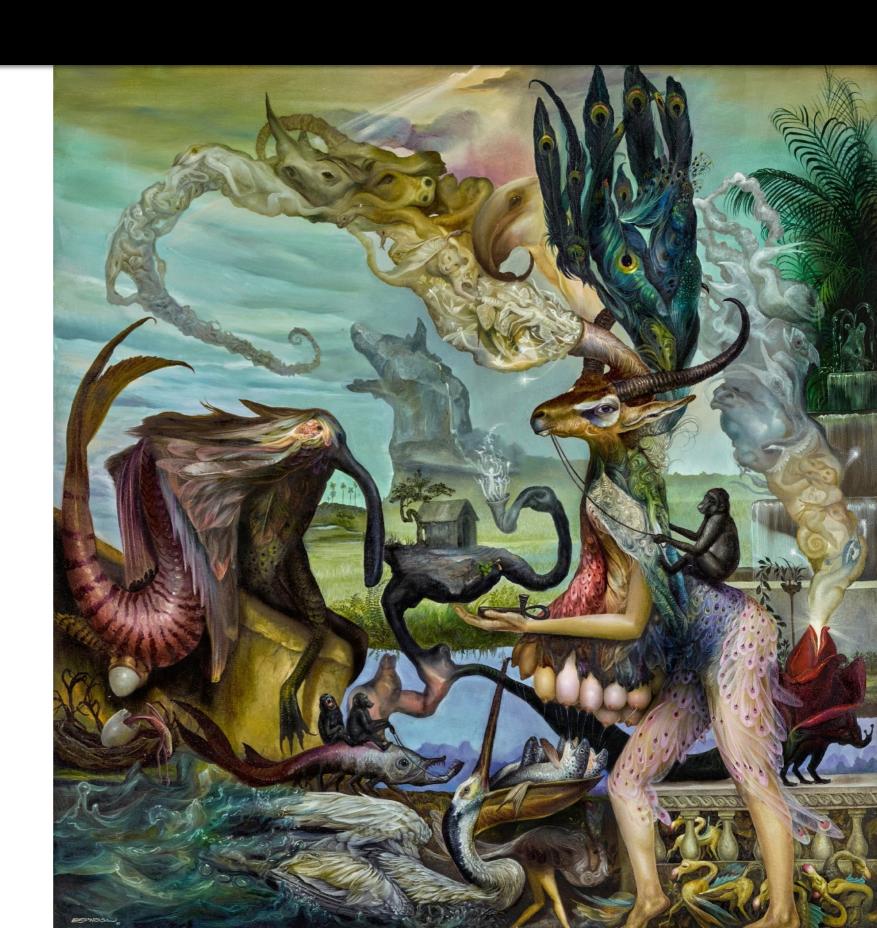
The Salsa Dancers (Bailadores Salseros)

Oil Painting on Canvas 217cm x 135cm 2022



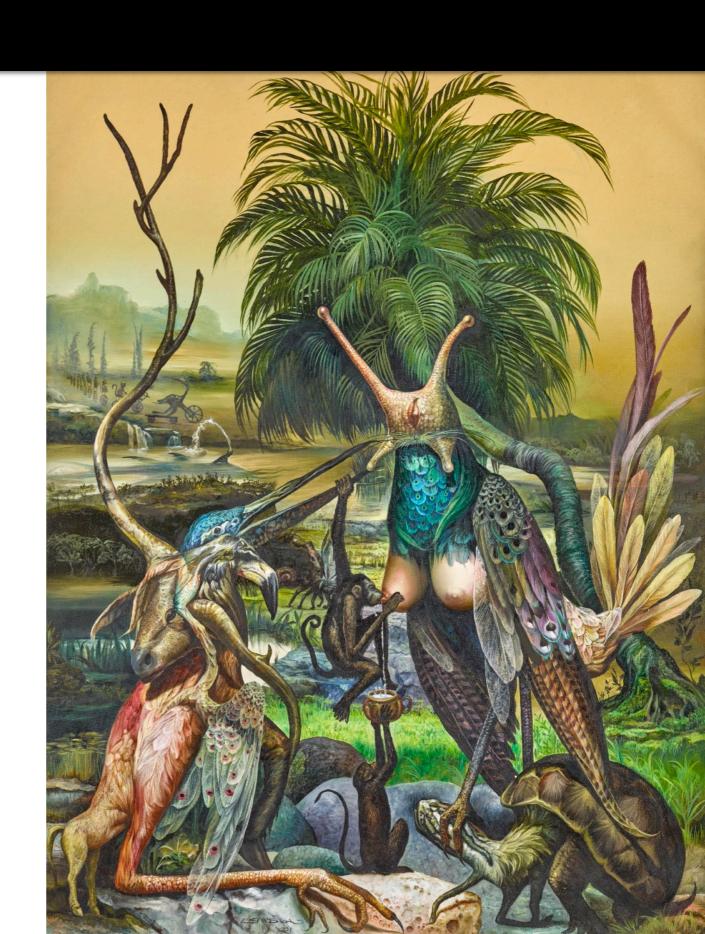
The Magic of Life (La Magia de la Vida)

Oil Painting on Canvas 133cm x 123cm 2021



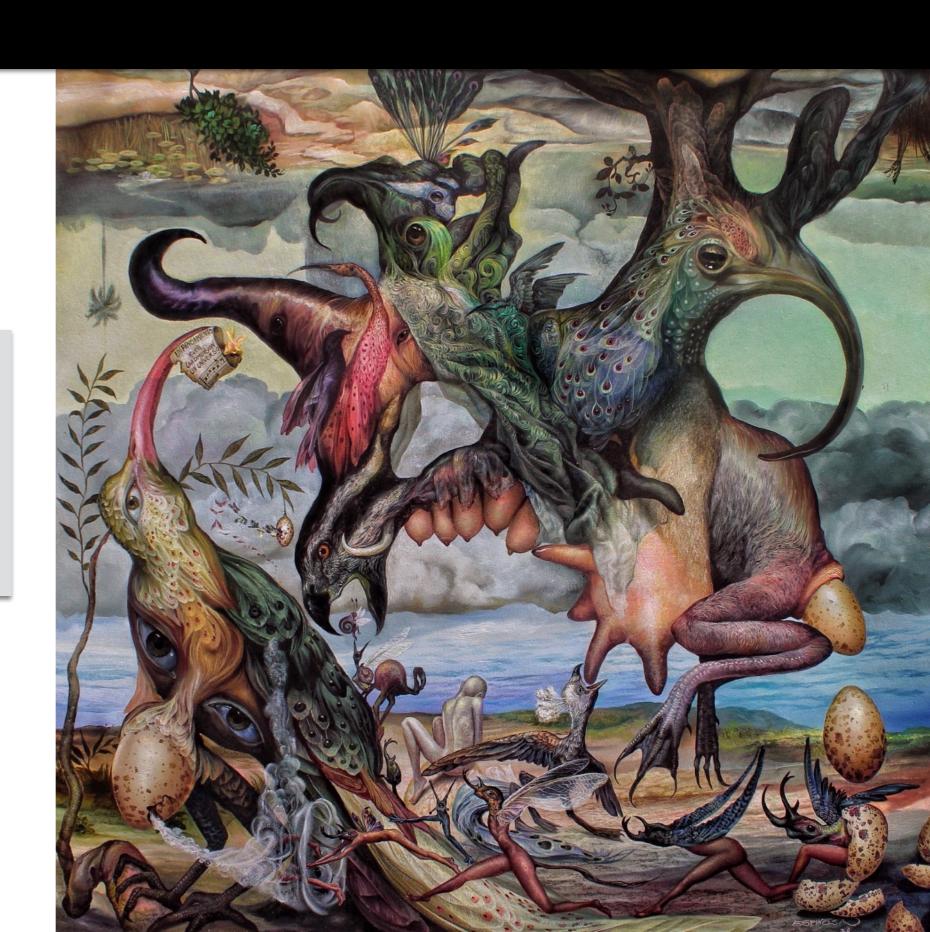
Abundance (Abundancia)

Oil Painting on Canvas 150cm x 103cm 2020



Unpredictable Ovipara (Ovipavo Impredecible)

Oil Painting on Canvas 100cm x 100cm 2020



The Pianista (El Pianista)

Oil Painting on Canvas 114cm x 132cm 2020



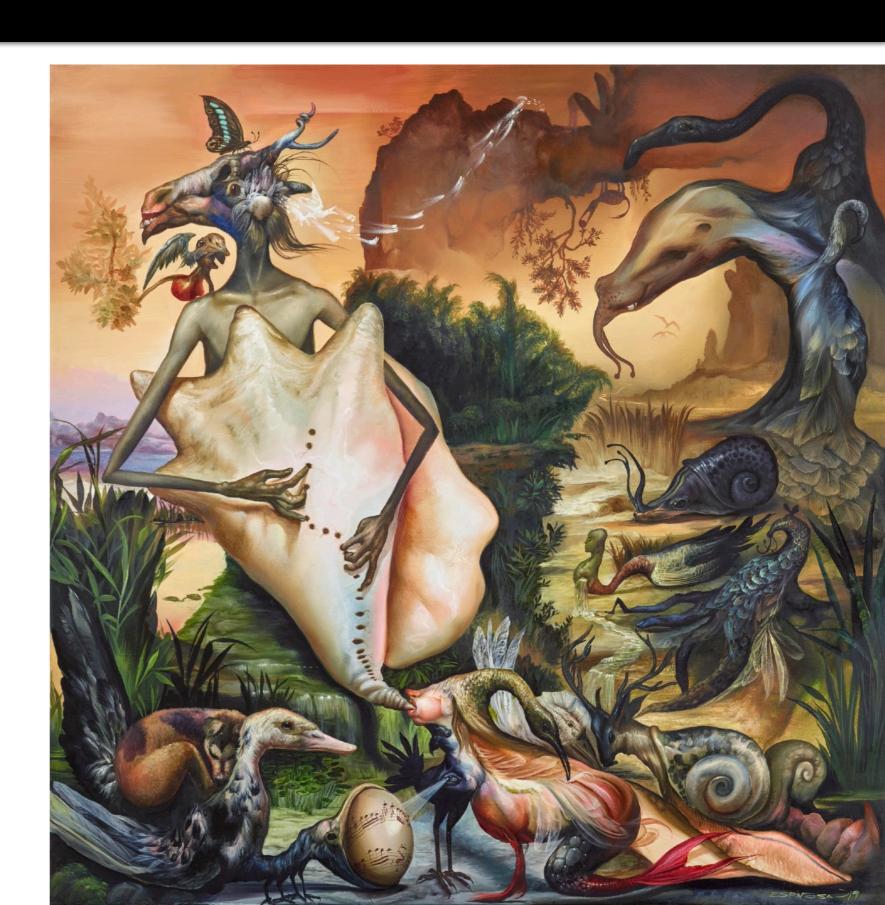
Mystique Blessing (Bendicion mistica)

Oil Painting on Canvas 98cm x 79cm 2020



The Flautist (El Flautista)

Oil Painting on Canvas 100cm x 100cm 2019



Peace in the Storm (Paz en la Tormenta)

Oil Painting on Canvas 120cm x 113cm 2019



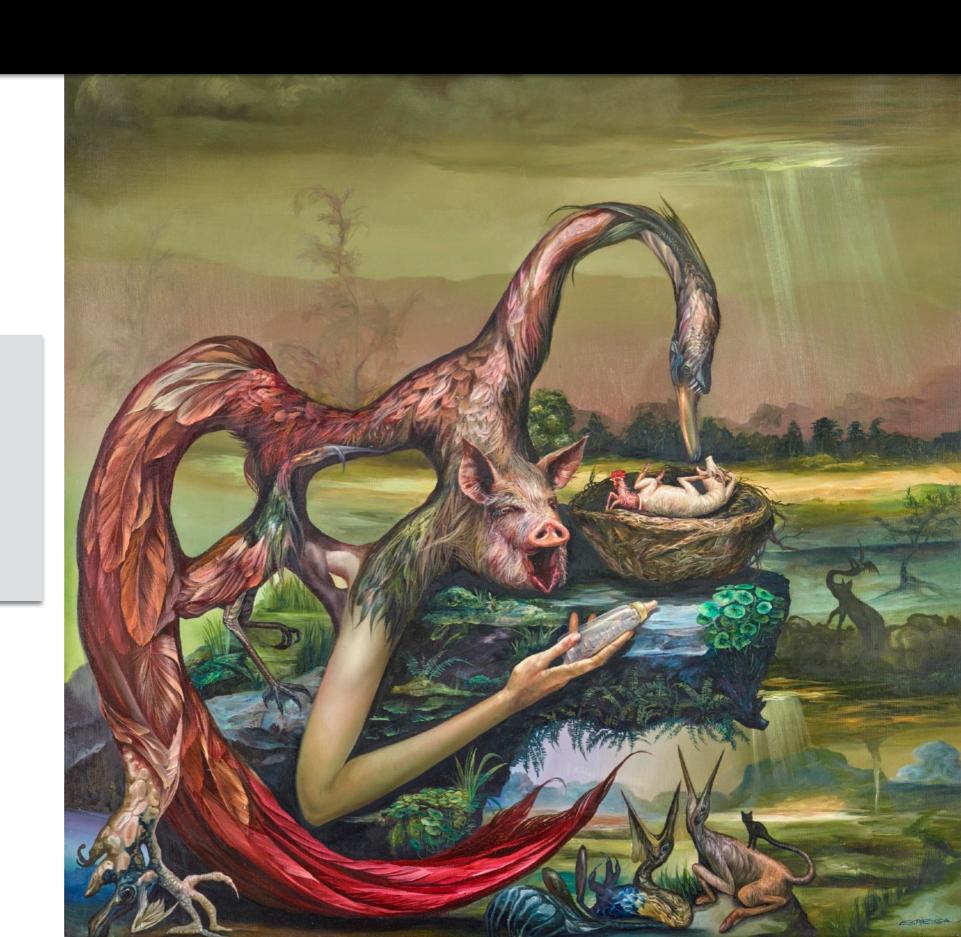
Monkey the Joker (Mono Bromista)

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The Birth (El Pardo)

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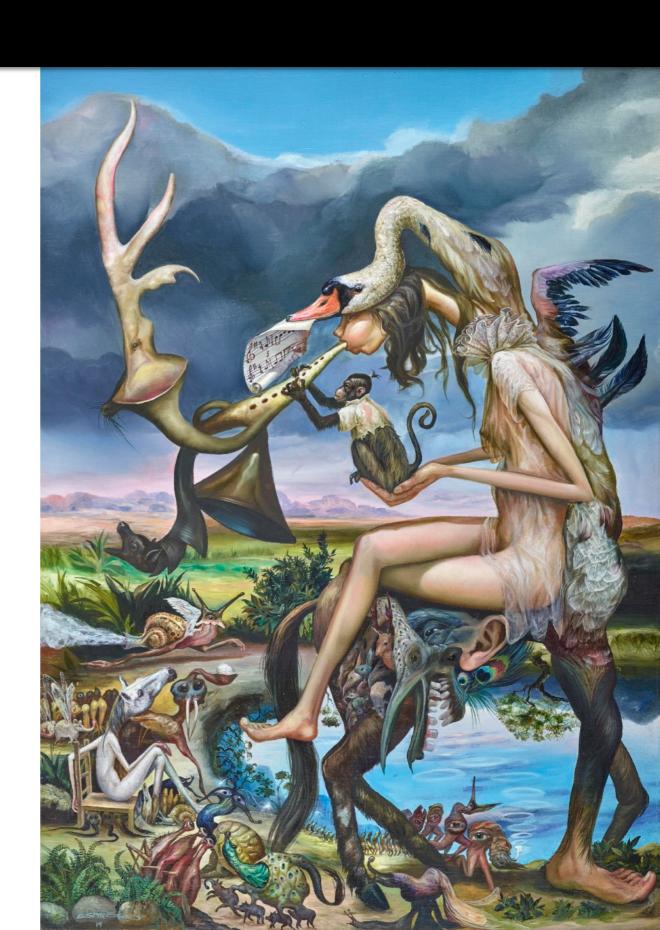
The Violinista (El Violinista)

Oil Painting on Canvas 129cm x 117cm 2019



The Musician (El Musico)

Oil Painting on Canvas 105cm x 73cm 2019

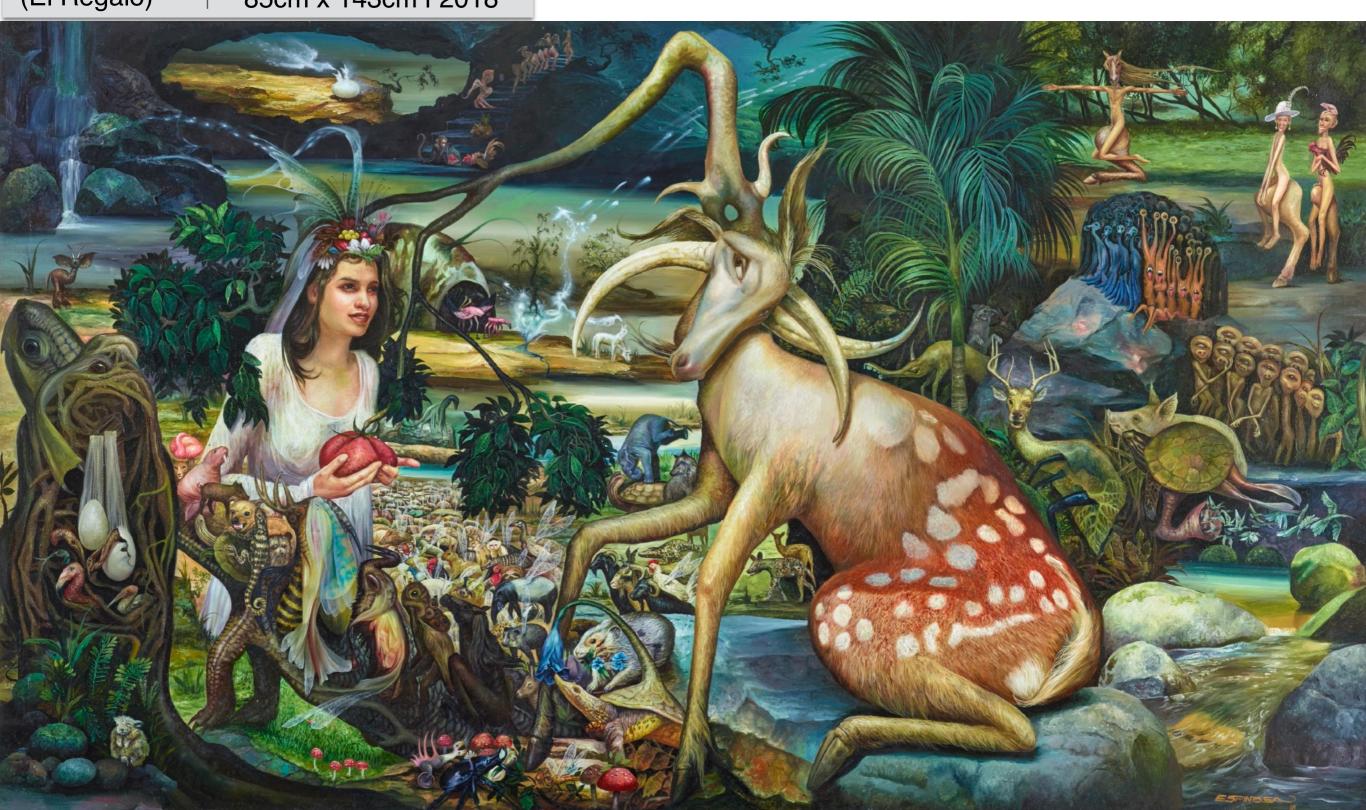


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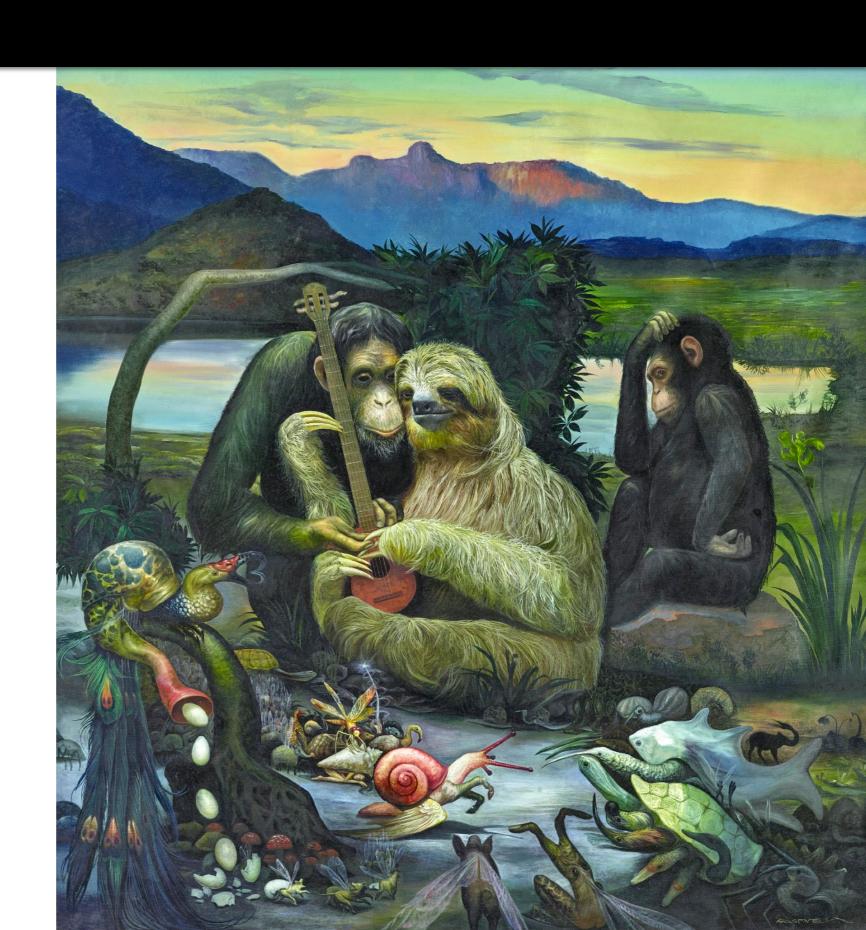
The Gift (El Regalo)

Oil Painting on Canvas 85cm x 143cm I 2018



Teachings to a Sloth (Clases al Perezoso)

Oil Painting on Canvas 102cm x 100cm 2018



The Goat Master (El Maestro Chivo)

Oil Painting on Canvas 100cm x 102cm 2018



The Peacock without a Nest (El Pavo sin Nido)

Oil Painting on Canvas 91cm x 73cm 2018



The Smart Monkey (El Mono Listo)

Oil Painting on Canvas 70cm x 50cm 2018



The Encounter 2 (El Encuentro 2)

Oil Painting on Canvas 135cm x 94cm 2018

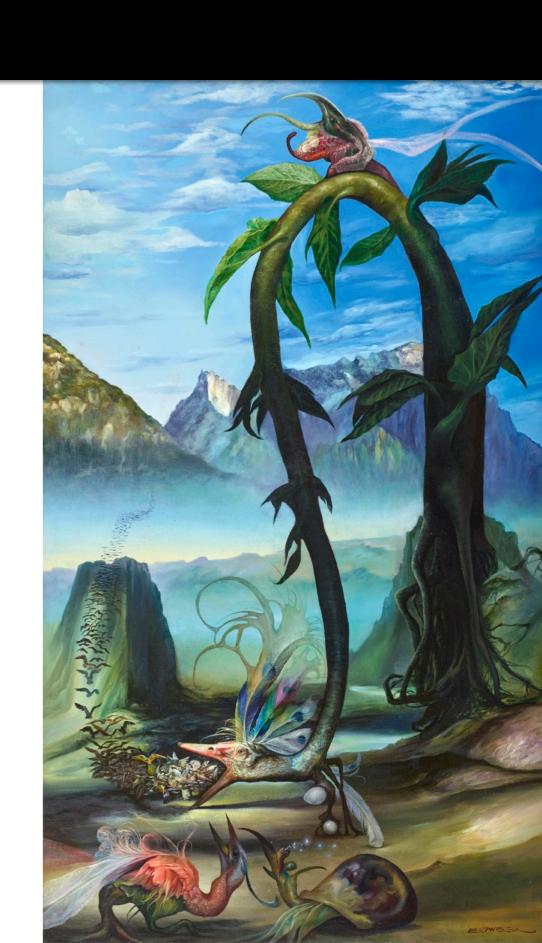


Liberation

(Liberación)

Oil Painting in Canvas 139cm x 80cm

2018



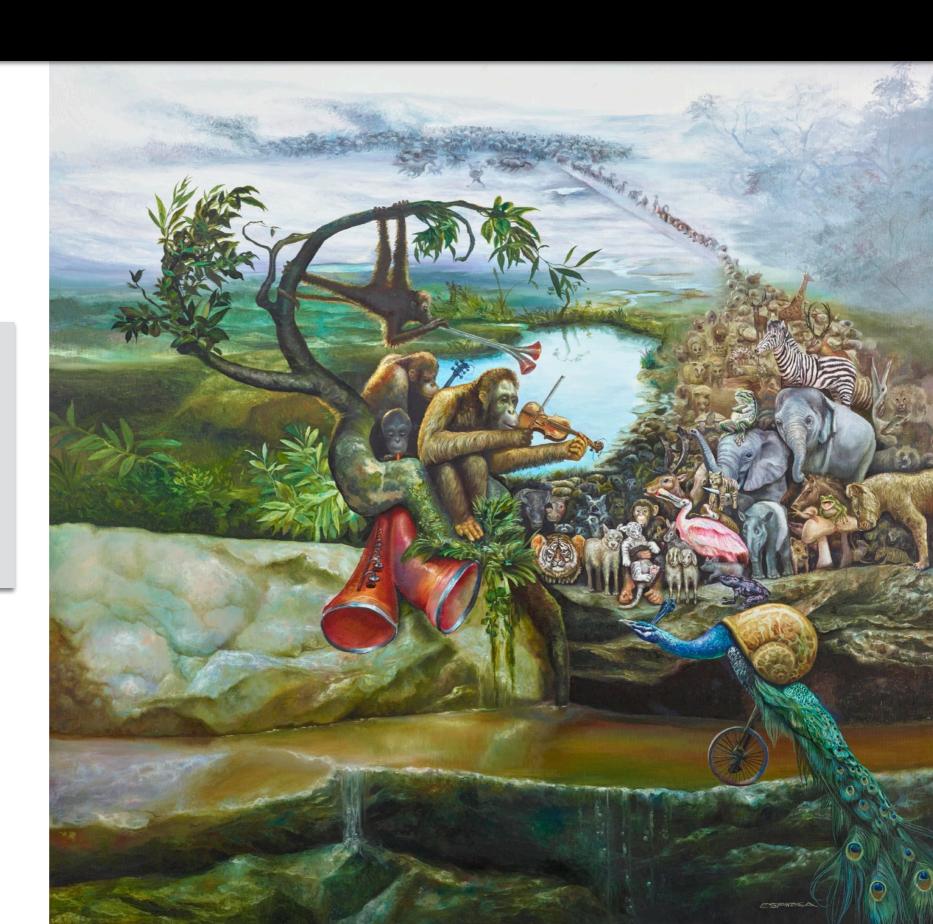
Chimpanzee's Concert (El Concierto de un Simio)

Oil Painting on Canvas 180cm x 133cm 2017



The Great Concert (El Gran Concierto)

Oil Painting on Canvas 100cm x 100cm 2017



Equilibrium (Equilibrio)

Oil Painting on Canvas 70cm x 110cm I 2017



The Dreamer (La Siesta)

Oil Painting on Canvas 80cm x 110cm I 2017



The Evolution of Species (La Evolución de las Especies)

Oil Painting on Canvas 70cm x 100cm

2017



Metamorphosis 1 (Metamorfosis 1)

Oil Painting on Canvas 105cm x 56cm 2017



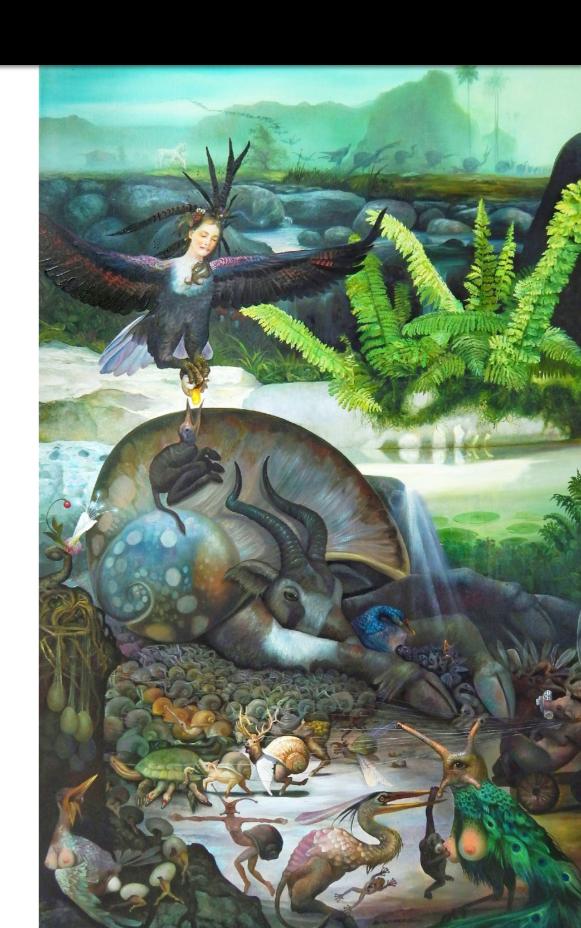
Miraculous Fruits (Frutos Milagrosos)

Oil Painting on Canvas 100cm x 70cm 2016



The Great Sled (El Gran Trineo)

Oil Painting in Canvas 130cm x 80cm 2016



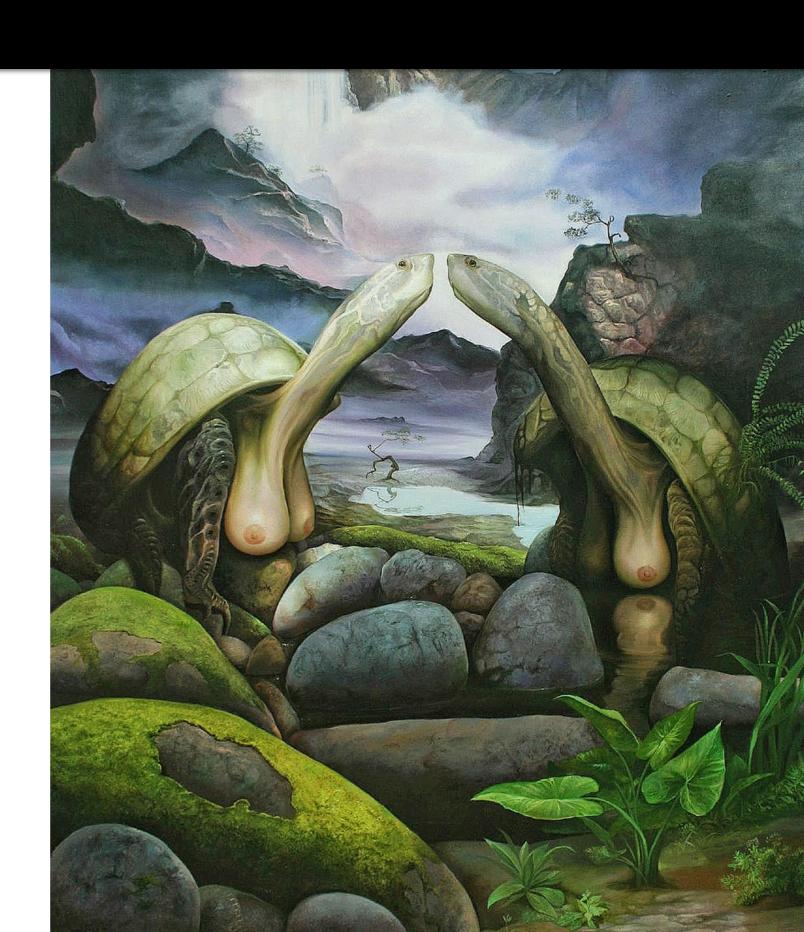
The Serenade (La Serenata)

Oil Painting in Canvas 115cm x 80cm 2015



The Encounter 1 (El Encuentro 1)

Oil Painting in Canvas 114cm x 133cm 2014



Checkmate (Jaque Mate)

Oil Painting in Canvas 132cm x 110cm 2014



The Essence of Wisdom (La Esencia de la Sabiduría)

Oil Painting in Canvas 108cm x 68cm 2009



Gesture

(Gesto)

Oil Painting in Canvas 180cm x 60cm

2009



Love of Heron (Amor de Garza)

Oil Painting in Canvas 108cm x 80cm 2009



The Peacock and Her Offspring (El Pavo y su Cría)

Oil Painting in Canvas 70cm x 100cm

2009



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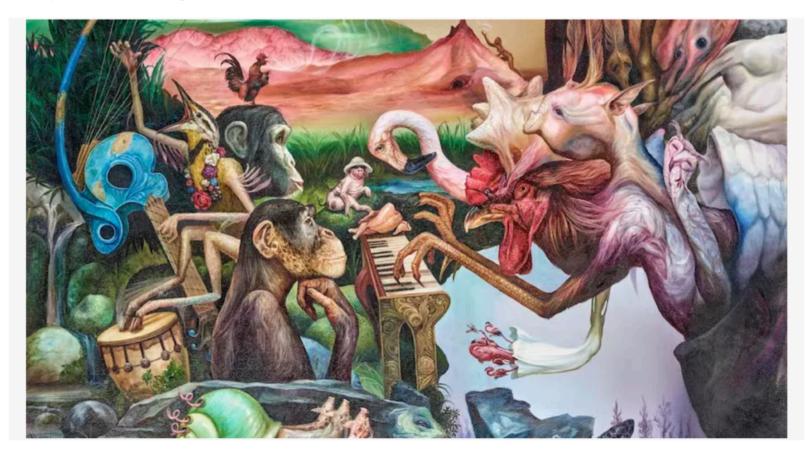
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