

Majd Kurdieh Retrospective

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Delightful naïf characters and evocative narrative, a testament to finding solace amid sorrow, and discovering the beauty within human connections. Emotionally charged pieces evoke mystical feelings, bursting with light and color, and reflecting intensity.

Symbolistic Narrative

An enchanting tapestry captivates with fantastical characters, weaved in a narrative spanning across diverse realms, blurring the boundaries between humans and fauna, and entering into a realm of whimsicality and imagination. It breathes with life as a cast of enthralling figures is encountered, each possessing their own distinct story. From the graceful movements of soaring horses perched upon the backs of mice to the majestic elephants and fish that populate this vibrant universe, a tableau has been created that is both visually striking and narratively compelling. Symbolism takes center stage, serving as a gateway to deeper contemplation. Interplay of names, notions, colors, and borders imbues each character with profound meaning. A wise philosopher emerges from the humble guise of a donkey, while a delicate butterfly assumes the role of the gang's emblem. The rose emerges as a potent symbol of sacred power, and the mouse embodies the essence of bravery. The owl, with its piercing gaze, serves as a seer in the darkness, while the generous elephant embodies an enormous spirit of giving. Birds, in their entire creative splendor, become the visual embodiment of imaginative thoughts and flights of fancy.

Inspirational Spark

The orchestration of hues, particularly the captivating blues, evokes a rich interplay between emotions and symbolism. A striking juxtaposition emerges through the skillful use of warm tones alongside the cooler colors, serving as a source of light. The contrasting elements engage in a harmonious dance, adding depth and dimension to the visual narrative. The dominance of the line, once a prominent feature, gracefully surrenders its position, allowing the colors to take center stage and convey their own language of expression. Watercolors take on a particular significance, as their inherent lightness harmonizes seamlessly with the overall visual aesthetic. Through delicate washes and translucent layers, these ghostly strokes infuse a sense of airiness, further enhancing the luminosity and vibrancy of the subjects and their narratives.

Transcending Boundaries

Through the use of symbolic elements, melancholy is overcome with the delicate lightness of a feather, symbolizing the ability to rise above adversity, and evoking transformation and renewal. Throughout several series, the characters take on an enhanced presence. The juxtaposition of wounds and smiles is juxtaposed and recurring. This intertwined duality resonates the complexities of human connection, portraying grief as a flood of emotions while using a fish to symbolize the very essence of existence—the heart itself.



Lands Needs Ironing Series, Oil on paper, 35x50, 2015



One Wound, One Smile Series, Oil on canvas, 140x140, 2022