

Marc Dennis



Marc Dennis, *Rock Star*, 2015, oil on linen, 70 x 60 inches

Influenced by Velasquez, Manet and Magritte, Marc Dennis paints things “(not) as they are but rather as I perceive them to be.” He does this by combining methods from various movements throughout the history of Western art in order to “perpetuate the grand aesthetic experience” of the great masters and to create a contemporary spin and fresh meaning.

His hyper-realism and highly detailed paintings are saturated with truths and suggestions about human behavior, ways of looking and the psychological, spiritual and physical relationships we have with art. His images call attention to the glamour, celebrity, absurdity and seductiveness that is the art world. He will often use widely understood cultural signifiers such as cheerleaders, flowers, cats and fashion to create his own symbolic language.

In addition to creatively reworking historically relevant paintings with reference to pop culture characters such as Transformers or Mickey Mouse, he also makes statements about some of the most infamous artists of our time by creating satirical meta-narratives (a story within a story), through his exhibited works, which are often paintings within paintings. Dennis enjoys reflecting on the paradox of dualities, which he believes “touches upon a genuine, urgent vision about the contemporary art world experience.”

His newest series of profound paintings will attempt to convey a certain tension between the desire to represent and embody the undisturbed beauty of nature and the contrary desire to imbue it with human emotions. In his own words, the artist states, “I aim to explore the complexities and contradictions of reality striving to celebrate life in all its wonder, beauty, mystery and darkness.”

With his incredible skill as an oil painter and superior style in appropriating elements of pop culture into his hyper-realistic artwork, it will be no surprise when Marc Dennis will soon be celebrated internationally as one of the most prolific artists of our time.

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