

RUTH PONIARSKI

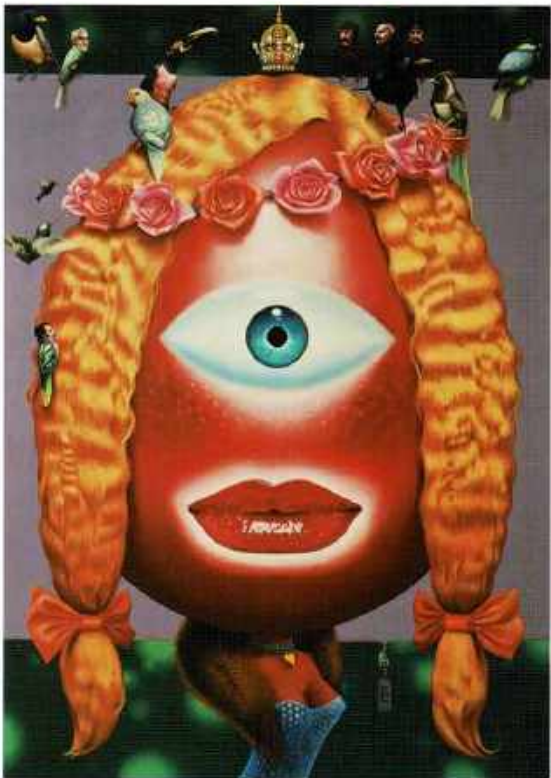
“**I** awoke and yet continued to dream...” Max Beckmann invoked in the spirit of imagination. In the same spirit, painter Ruth Poniarski explores exquisite visions of dreamlike worlds, rendering compositions in which the influences of Henri Rousseau and Surrealism are immediately evident. Poniarski’s work moves a step further to capture an understanding of contemporary life in a way that allows it to intimately resonate with the modern viewer.



Therapy
Acrylic on Canvas, 36" x 48"

Ruth Poniarski has exhibited both nationally and internationally, including at the Karpeles Museum in New York; The Holter Museum in Montana; and at the First International Biennial at the Trevi Flash Art Museum in Trevi, Italy. She has her Professional Degree from the Pratt Institute and is a member of the National Association for Women Artists. ■

OLIVIER ZAPPELLI



Miss Universe
Oil on Canvas, 59" x 40"

“**C**reative people are curious, flexible, persistent and independent with a tremendous spirit of adventure and a love of play,” once described Henri Matisse. Embodying this characterization, Contemporary Swiss artist Olivier Zappelli’s wondrous oil paintings illuminate playfully surreal scenes which, with a delightfully light-hearted sense of humor, comment upon universal social matters while providing boundless entertainment.

Reminiscent of Dadaism, Mr. Zappelli illustrates outlandish scenes which call to question the stability of reality. Mr. Zappelli’s themes are decidedly progressive albeit humorous, such as his depictions of women in empowering roles and non-traditional family portraits. His vivid hues such as hot magenta, electric blue, shimmering gold virtually pop off the canvas and lend his artwork a vivacious and fantastical aura. Mr. Zappelli’s exquisitely clean lines, forms and shapes lend his artwork a synthesized appearance. So adept is he with oil paint that his precision may fool the audience to momentarily believe his artwork is digitally rendered. Mr. Zappelli has crafted a truly marvelous oeuvre that shall enchant audiences far and wide. ■