

von Racknitz + Baer Gallery

JONATHAN NICLAUS

Dickicht

Von Racknitz + Baer Gallery welcomes upcoming artist Jonathan Niclaus to the VRB family and presents his first ever solo exhibition 'Dickicht'.

A Dickicht (thicket) manifests as a dense, intricately woven space that I comprehend both technically and emotionally. The canvas transforms into a portal: a visual partition, part barricade, part stencil, offering ever-shifting vantages and subsequently obscuring them.

Here, all elements coalesce: they forge a passage through the tangle of wind-swept branches and trunks. Ivory clearings, filtered and refracted by the ever-changing transparencies of leaves. Occasional bursts of pure color disrupt the scene with their stark presence. The application of color shapes overlapping layers, and the gaze flows downward.

Within the sequential arrangement, this exuberant vitality finds its voice through my work. There exists no hierarchy here: foliage, fauna, emotions. Both decay and rebirth coexist harmoniously.

It's as if the mythological forest unfolds within these crystalline, rectangular parcels.

About the artist. At the age of twelve and after spending his childhood painting, Jonathan dove into the world of digital art, captivated by the boundless potential and vivid shades at his fingertips. This newfound passion led him to design anything he could get his hands on which let him to find his niche in the advertising industry, seamlessly blending design and illustration.

His fascination with colors and the technical aspects of digital art continued to grow, but eventually, a deeper longing ignited. This prompted him to reconnect with traditional drawing, immersing himself in live drawing classes, continuously absorbing new knowledge.

Pencils, crayons, and ink became his trusted companions for the next few years, as he created series of deconstructed figurative drawings, exploring human proportions and taking them to a graphically abstracted level through automatic drawings. Alongside this, his clientele also evolved—from conventional advertising projects to commissions from esteemed clients like Aesop and Veuve Clicquot, who sought his distinctive style.

Additionally, he started working on commissions for murals and reliefs, adding his art to the interiors of private clients, restaurants, hotels, and other establishments. After some time, Niclaus took the next step into painting. In recent years, he explored still lifes and portraits, dedicating his focus to mastering the traditional skill set.

This journey led him to a juncture where he needed to pause and reflect. In this moment of introspection, Niclaus felt the need to convey the emotions evoked by certain colors—a sensation similar to the feeling music can give. This impulse has always been the guiding

force behind his creations, from the very first stroke to the final touch. After experimentation and study, he discovered his true passion in abstraction. His art now flows intuitively, with colors and forms emerging on the canvas in a graceful dance.

The outcome is a fusion of shades and shapes, a testament to Niclaus's innate ability to synchronize with the rhythms of the world around him.



His art isn't meticulously planned; it's a spontaneous celebration of the imperfect yet astonishingly beautiful designs found in nature.

From the outset, the driving force behind each piece is the colors he seeks to summon and explore. Each creation is a vivid, pulsating reflection of the life force coursing through every living thing.





Dickicht 1

330 x 280 cm

Acrylic and tempera on canvas, 2023

EUR 13,600.00 incl. VAT



Dickicht 2*

200 x 180 cm

Acrylic and oil on canvas, 2023

EUR 6,500.00 incl. VAT

*sold





Dickicht 3*

200 x 180 cm

Acrylic on canvas, 2023

EUR 6,500.00 incl. VAT

*sold



Dickicht 4 *
200 x 180 cm
Acrylic on canvas, 2023
EUR 6,500.00 incl. VAT
*sold



Dickicht 5*

180 x 155 cm

Acrylic and oil on canvas, 2023

EUR 5,500.00 incl. VAT

*reserved







Dickicht 6

180 x 155 cm

Acrylic on canvas, 2023

EUR 5,500.00 incl. VAT



Dickicht 7*

180 x 155 cm

Acrylic on canvas, 2023

EUR 5,500.00 incl. VAT

*sold







Dickicht Triptych *

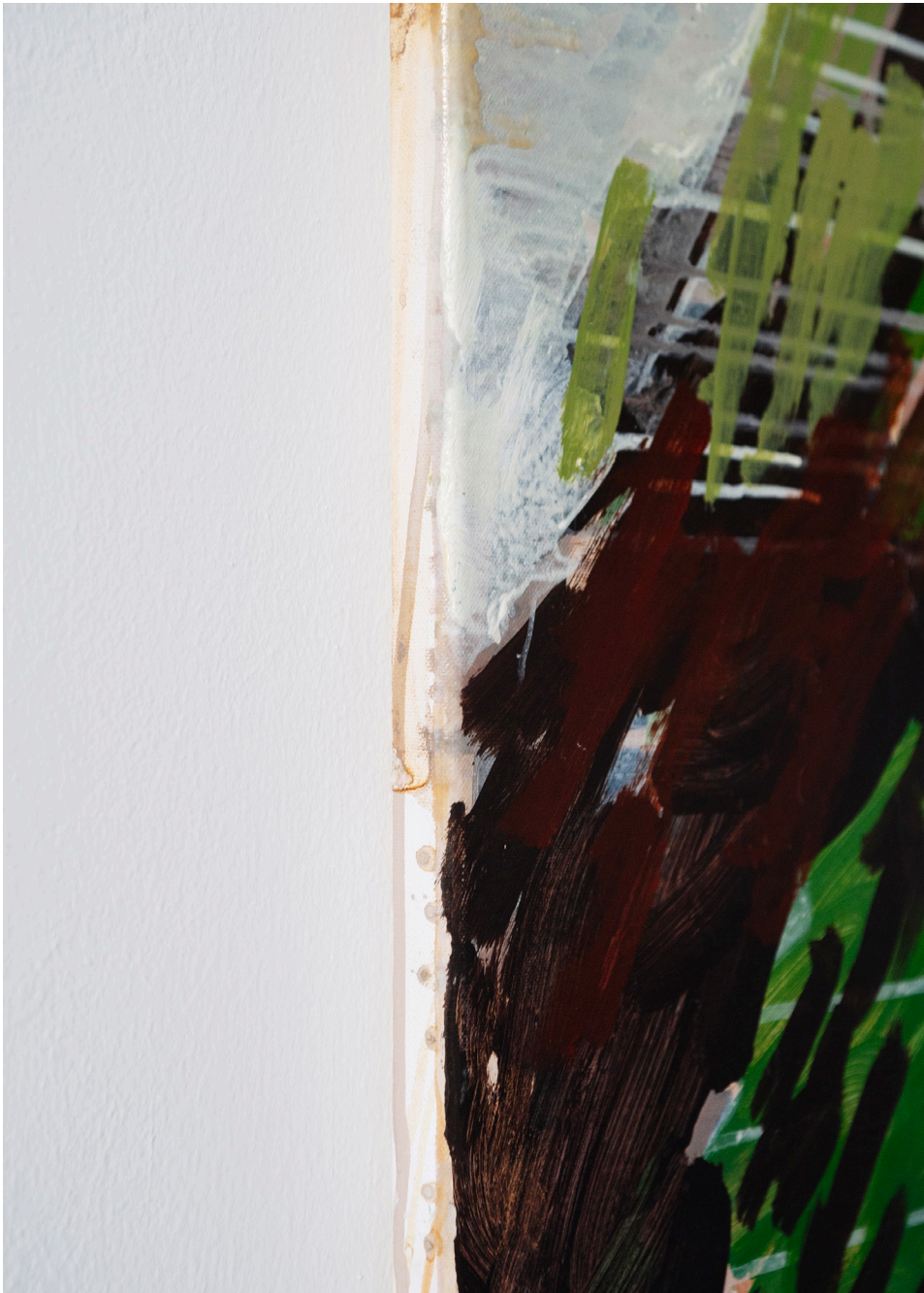
Each 180 x 110 cm

Acrylic and oil on canvas, 2023

EUR 9,900.00 incl. VAT for set of three

*reserved





Dickicht 11 *
180 x 180 cm
Acrylic on canvas, 2023
EUR 6,000.00 incl. VAT
*sold

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