



"Big Sur Cows" 42 x 55 inches, oil, 2014



"Snow on Radičeva" 8 x 12 inches, oil, 2014



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Marc Dalessio

Solo Show

June 25th-July 13th

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TOP: "Streets of Plyos"
14 x 11 inches, oil, 2014

BOTTOM: "Chapel in Chianti"
12 x 16 inches, oil, 2014

COVER "Tina Under an Olive Tree"
43 x 35 inches, oil, 2014

Marc Dalessio (b 1972), one of the most dedicated and successful classically trained painters of this generation, has traveled far to capture nature's beauty this year. This solo show includes a selection of works created en plein air in Russia, Denmark, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Fiji, Croatia and the United States. His ability to reflect nature's awesome presence is unparalleled. Enjoy,

Laura Grenning, June 2014

Artist's Statement

During the twenty years I lived in Florence I was also introduced to the writings of the Renaissance Neo-Platonists. 'The Oration on the Dignity of Man' by Giovanni Pico Della Mirandola, especially, had a profound influence on me as a young artist.

This short treatise describes God's creation of man so that "there be some creature to comprehend the significance of so vast an achievement, love its infinite beauty, and stand in awe at its grandeur". While the literal view on this is that God created man to marvel at God's work, my art is based on a more secular reading of the text: that the artist is nature revering itself. As such, the painter should attempt to avoid developing any personal style in their work. My painting is an attempt at letting nature depict itself without overt interference of personality or ego.

While aware of the impossibility of such an endeavor, I've always felt that an important duty of the poet today is to direct a return to humility towards, reflection on, and study of, the natural world. This return to finding inspiration in the world around us, as well as a foundation for art based on the observation of nature, are important first steps towards building an environmentally sustainable future for humanity.

Marc Dalessio, from his blog marcdalessio.com

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1 "Laundry in the Wind"
36 x 28 inches, oil, 2014

2 "Sailboats in Fiji"
3 x 6 inches, oil, 2014

3 "Baratti"
8 x 12 inches, oil, 2014

4 "Above Turboch"
8 x 12 inches, oil, 2014

5 "Fishermen, Arno"
8 x 12 inches, oil, 2014

6 "Laundry and Lemon Trees"
11 x 14 inches, oil, 2014

7 "Church Window"
5 x 4 inches, oil, 2014

8 "Korčula"
29 x 37 inches, oil, 2014

9 "Street in Varese"
12 x 8 inches, oil, 2014

10 "Accordion Player"
8 x 12 inches, oil, 2014