MICHAEL JANSEN

SELECTED WORKS



My World of Images

> “A life without art is like breathing without oxygen”

A world of magical moments, the cosmos of my paintings, landscapes of inner feelings, moments when creativity is born – if only we allow them.

Out of dreams comes a sense of movement in wishes, hope and optimism. In a fantastical world of colour, walking fish, runner beans, wild dancers and pensive-looking snails encounter happenings that bubble up from the depths of magic. Wishes may mean enchantment; fulfilment may lie in wait, hidden within the painting. To discover the universe on the back of a walking fish; colours of courage will accompany the viewer on a journey with no known destination. Visions of inspiration, the foundations of imagination, the joy of experimentation in a wonderful world of thought.



The Slow Passage of Time Turns Out to Be an Illusion

Oil on linen · 80 × 100 cm · 2026



A Viewpoint as a Way towards a Complete Perspective

Oil on linen · 80 × 100 cm · 2026

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Keeping Lip Service Going

Oil on linen · 60 × 60 cm · 2026

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2026

A Springboard from Limbo into the World

Oil on linen
80 × 80 cm



2026

Horizons – Where Does This Path Lead Us?

Oil on linen
80 × 80 cm



I Am Leaving You, Now!

Oil on linen · 80 × 100 cm · 2025

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The Three Thinkers

Oil on linen · 100 × 100 cm · 2024

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Ready for a Kiss

Oil on linen · 30 × 30 cm · 2023

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On the Path of Tears

Oil on linen · 80 × 100 cm · 2022

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The Boundaries of Fate

Oil on linen · 120 × 120 cm · 2020

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2019

Life in the Yellow River

Oil on linen
80 × 80 cm



2019

A Laugh Leaves the Sun

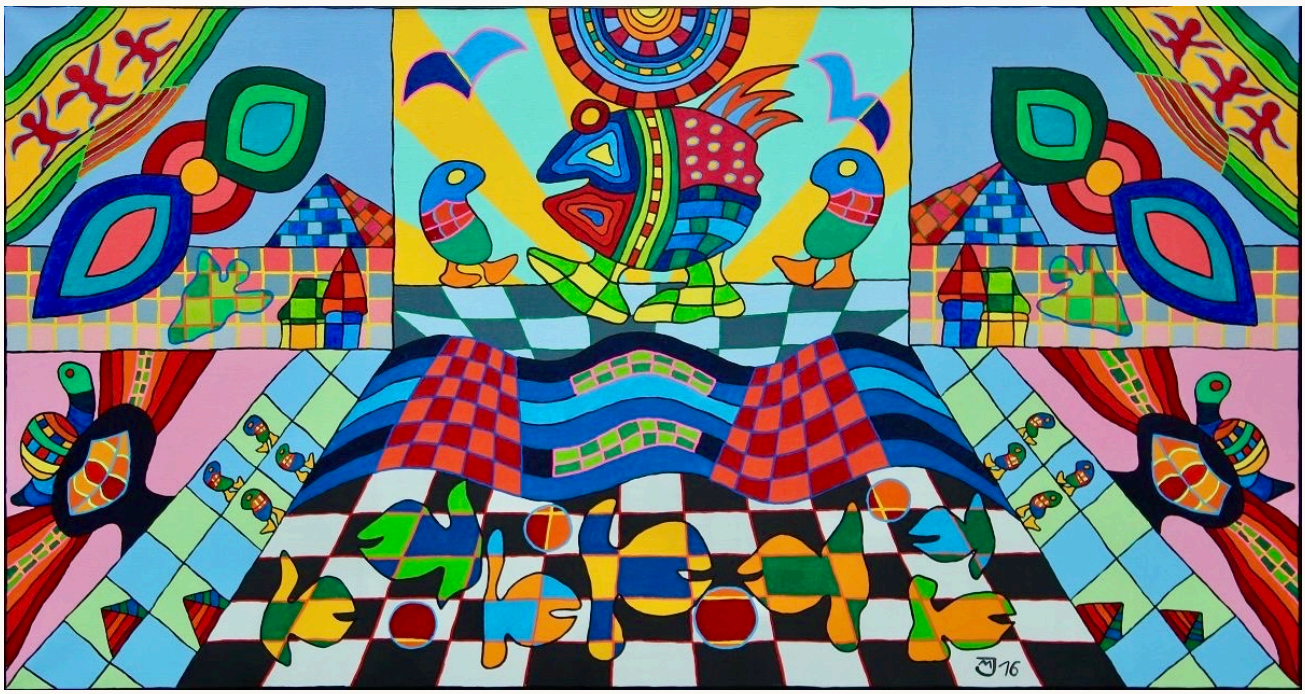
Oil on linen
80 × 80 cm



Run or Swim?

Oil on linen · 100 × 100 cm · 2018

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Waves of Movement through Time Are Moments of Inner Feelings

Oil on linen · 80 × 150 cm · 2016

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Michael Jansen

Michael Jansen was born in Flensburg in 1958. He studied art, music, philosophy and literary studies, graduating from the University of Hamburg in 1991 with a Magister degree in German language and literature. He has worked as an independent artist since 2002.

In his paintings, he combines surreal and fantastical worlds of thought with geometric structures, visual perspectives and a sense of depth. His work invites viewers to question familiar ways of seeing and to engage with the complexity of the images.

Jansen counters the growing simplification of our world with the power of imagination, inspiration and independent thought. His paintings open up spaces beyond familiar ideas and invite us to discover new perspectives.

He describes his distinctive visual language as “magical surrealism”. Personal perception remains central: each viewer is free to approach the paintings and their meanings through their own feelings and sensibilities.

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