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Welcome to the Dollhouse Oil on canvas 38" x 40"

(at right) In My Dream Oil on canvas 90" x 72"

When I was a child I would often mistake my dreams for reality. I would always have this dream of finding lots of coins on the ground on my way home from school. Since my allowance was not much at that time, I would cry when I found out that finding all those coins was just a dream. To this day I still have dreams that are too colorful and too real to be called just dreams.

I think what we experience in our dreams could be another reality. We witness things that could never have occurred in reality as well as experience things that are so real we can't believe it was just a dream. I often meet future and past versions of myself in my dreams. I really believe that I am actually meeting myself in another dimension through my dream. What makes a dream both a dream and reality? Both reality and dreams are experienced through the mind? One we consider to be real and the other a fantasy—this is why I am so attracted to the stories and images of cartoons and comic books. When reading a comic there are many moments when I forget about reality—but maybe those colors and that world exist in another time and space that could also be called reality—maybe that world is reality and this world is the fantasy? Maybe with my paintings I am creating another reality or another dimension with its own time and space?







Pages 5-6 are an example of a double page with more images. The layout provides for more text, like a magazine article.

The next two pages have examples of single pages.

HO BARON

Ho Baron's visuals have transformed dramatically over the years. His imagery's been consistently "Ho," but his experiments with the various art medium continues to mix and match.

Once a photographer, Ho labored over superimposed and double exposed negatives to find his surreal imagery. "I was thrilled by the challenge of putting images atop each other to give my story mystery and levels of interpretation," he said. "I also drew hundreds of sketches of odd figures in pen and ink, then I began drawing directly on my photo prints." Ho had developed a unique drawing style. His aesthetic journey also took him to acrylics that added color and life to his scenarios.

The artist grew enraptured by modeling in clay, and Ho translated his drawing style into sculpture. "My two dimensional images gained depth when translated into three dimensions, and I fell for the intense process of making a sculpture," he said. "What a challenge to transpose my intuitive and spontaneous drawing style into complex clay forms then into molds and into bronzes." Once there was a mold, Ho could also make cast stone and resin works. Lately, he's been painting on his forms, even on his smaller bronzes.

Ho models his clay into intricate motifs, with miniature caricatures he places on larger, often webbed, figurative forms. His figures often display protruding tongues as if to mock the viewer, and the tongues hold balls, an act exhibiting what the artist calls his "philosophy of balance." His many faces represent humanity, likewise a oneness, and they are a visual translation of the Theory of the Multiple Self. His whimsical style lies somewhere amidst satire, fantasy and dark art, and he's been called visionary as a result of the originality of his forms. Most recently, Ho's larger subjects have been of dancers, acrobats and contortionists. His largest work is on permanent exhibition at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore. The sculpture is "The Free Thinker," a thousand pound bronze figure. Another of that size, "A Novel Romance," adorns the El Paso Public Library, in the city where he lives. These are public art bronzes, but Ho also creates forms that are hand-held size, he makes reliefs such as "Innergration" and "Mother and Child," and sculptures of all sizes such as "Post Nuclear Dog."

Because of the spirit with which he creates, Ho says "My approach to creating art has its roots in the ancients, produced with a creative force akin to the sculptors of the Mayan and the Hindu." Half serious and half in jest, Ho calls his collection of sculptures "Gods for Future Religions."







Free Thnker Bronze 84" x 28" x 36"

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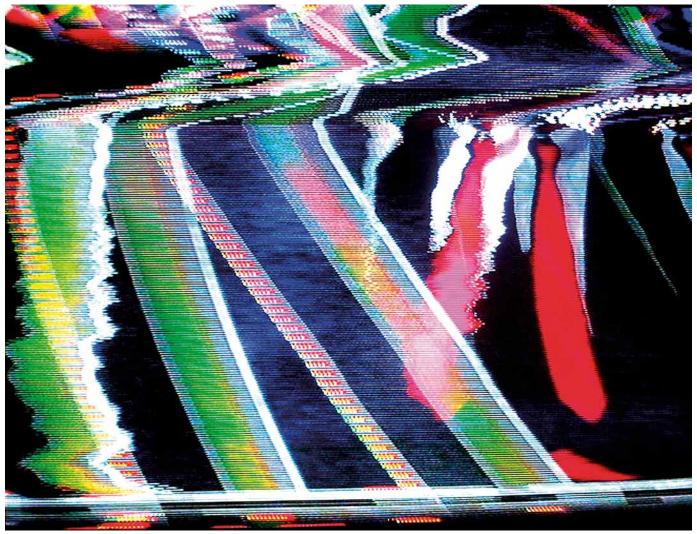
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Floating Islands Digital 17" x 12"

Evan Stickfort www.evanstickfort.cgsociety.org



The Power Culture Digital 29" x 33"

Unable to find anything compelling on normal broadcast channels, W.J. (Bill) Bies turned his interest to a channel with an interfering signal. The visuals were extraordinary. The colors blended together. These visuals made such an impact on Bill, he was compelled to capture them. Beautiful faces normally displayed, were instead pulled and distorted, and colored in an array of unanticipated abstractions. Transmission lines bent and twisted in contrasts and vivid color.

Bill has captured images, not of reality, but of a dream world or an altered state. Each image is individualistic at its foundation. A sense of graininess may appear when viewing an image closely. These are the distinct pixels coming together to form the larger image, in what Bill has termed, "Ditigal Pointillism". The raw captured image is only a base sketch of the final image which Bill has manipulated using color and layering techniques. Bill has been working on this project for two years, and has amassed a vast library of these "No Signal Images".

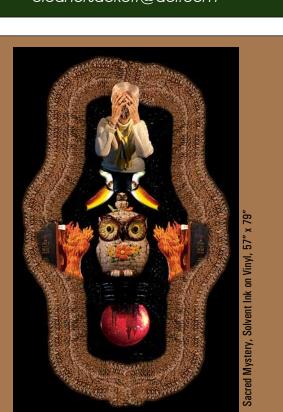
Bill is a graduate of the Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, California. Additionally, he also attended New York University Graduate Film Program. He has spent 14 years in commercial photography and film production.

> W.J. Bies www.nosignalimages.com



Jonathan Ward Oil on Board 16" x 11"

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Florence Still #1 Digital archival print 19" x 13"

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