

# A S T R A L

collection of paintings by Michelle Harton







Welcome to my collection "Astral."

Dreamlike landscapes, multiple planes of existence and consciousness, the joy of intuitively exploring colour and interweaving shapes have inspired this body of work.



**Michelle Harton** (b.1983) is an Irish artist who works mainly in acrylic and water soluble drawing materials. She has studied art at Fermanagh College in Northern Ireland, classical portraiture and figure painting and drawing at the private art school and international arts colony Studio Escalier in France and plein air painting with David Mynett in Majorca along with many years of developing her own style.

That which can't be seen haunts and intrigues her be it mystical, internal or injustice in the world. Through her artwork Michelle tries to make some sense of it through painting and researching but it only digs a bigger hole into the abyss of esotericism for her. The idea of control is present in her work; who is controlling us, spiritually, politically and emotionally, with her regular conclusion being that many times the only person stifling us is ourselves. This theme of internal mental battles between who we feel we are and what the world around us makes us feeds into much of her work. She feels this issue of people not finding their place and purpose in life causes much of the mental illness in the world today. These subjects are not handed to you on a plate in her paintings, instead she prefers meaning to develop over time for the viewer. Layers of bright colours, cute animals and childlike imagery are regularly used as an inroad to darker mental thoughts and world affairs.

Michelle is also very interested in bringing stories, legends and folklore from the past to the forefront to be remembered by those who once knew them and introduced to new people so they are passed down to future generations. This searching into the past also becomes a way to try and make sense of who we have become today and for her to try and find a personal connection of contentment with who she is.

"When I look at a blank canvas I know that many beings hide within. They are locked behind a door that only paint can open. After I build up layers I feel like my work is to unearth these hidden images from the painting, to release them from the painted land they hide within and let them tell their story. I do not always know at first who they are or where they come from, but more often than not they have a message for me or for someone who connects with the piece. When a viewer tells me something about a piece that I had not thought about, I understand that painting had a specific job and that I was merely the channel, as that painting was waiting to talk to someone else."







## Companion

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Mixed media on canvas  
100 x 100 x 4cm







## Passages

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Mixed media on canvas  
80 x 80 x 4cm







## Ha Long Heat

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Acrylic on canvas  
80 x 80 x 4cm

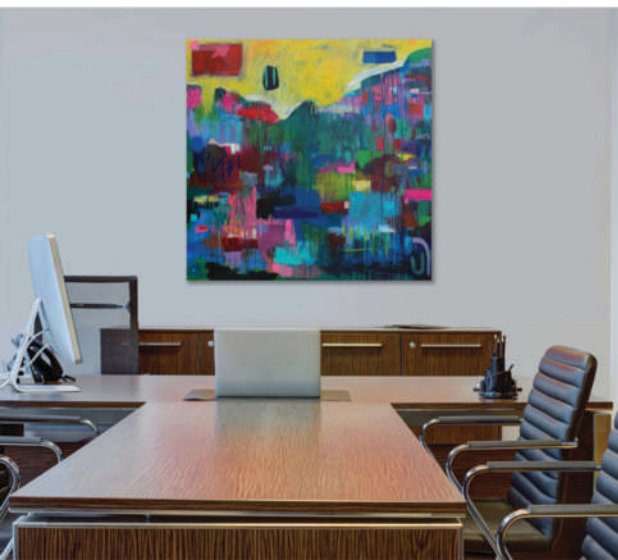




## Legends Of Land

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Mixed media on canvas  
100 x 100 x 4cm







## Evening Greens Ruby Night

Acrylic on canvas  
31 x 81 x 3cm







## The Memories That Walk With Us

Mixed media on wood  
60 x 50 x 3cm

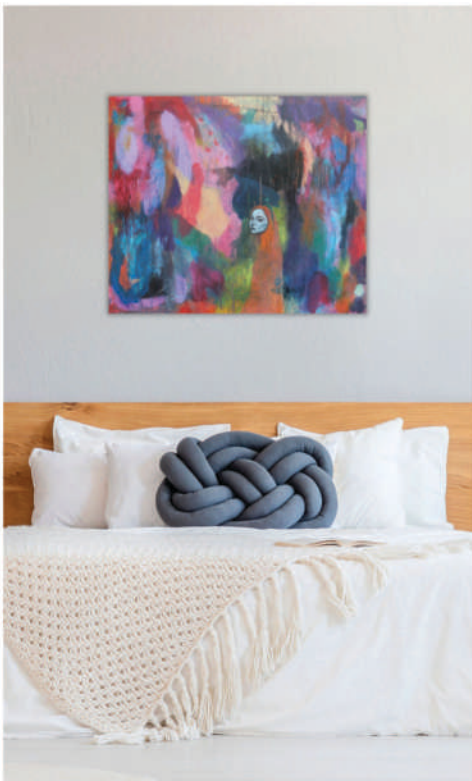




## Grace In A Sea Of Confusion

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Mixed media on wood  
50 x 60 x 3cm



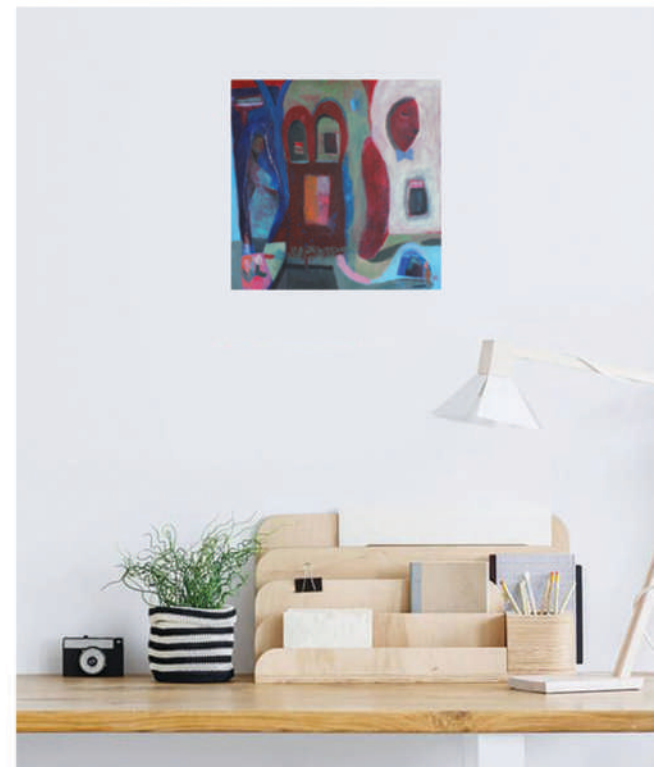




## Contemplation

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Mixed media on wood  
30 x 30 x 1.5cm







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## The Protector

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Mixed media on wood  
30 x 30 x 1.5cm



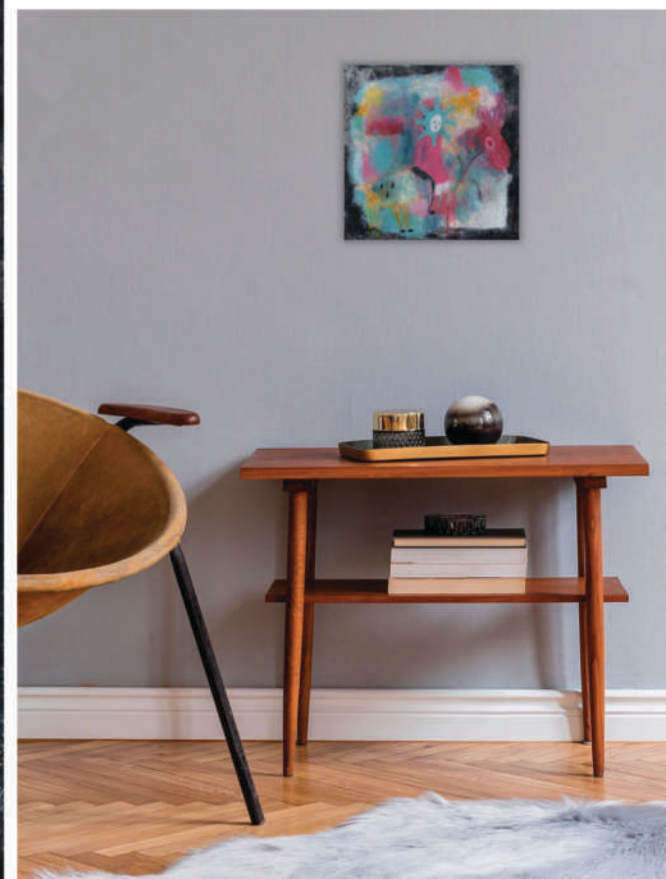




## Support

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Mixed media on wood  
30 x 30 x 1.5cm







## There Is Only Us

Mixed media on wood  
30 x 30 x 1.5cm



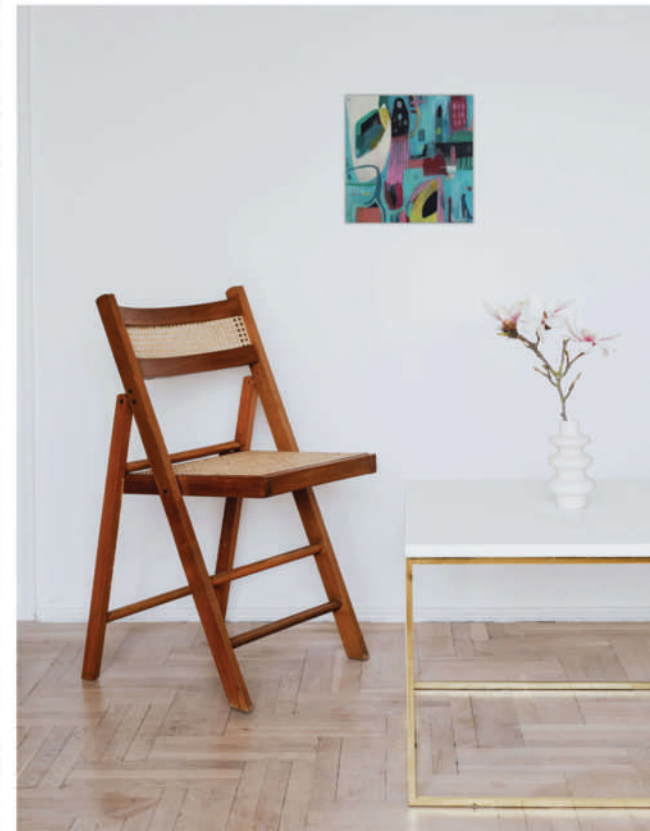




## On The Planes

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Mixed media on wood  
30 x 30 x 1.5cm





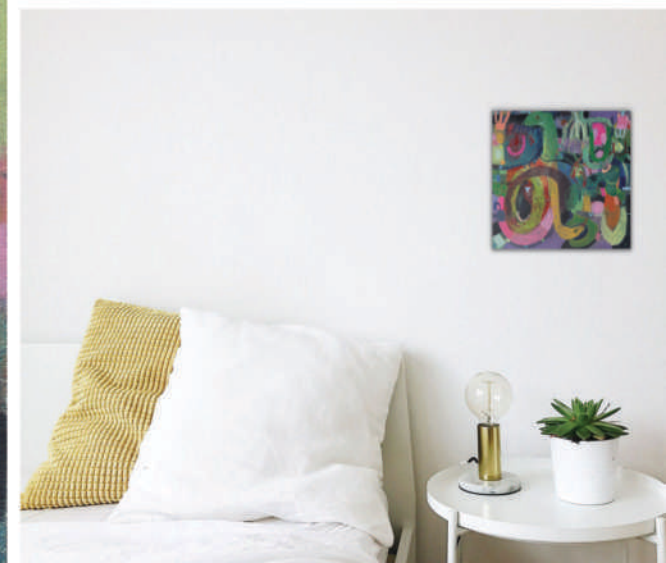


## Unconscious Drives & Primal Instincts

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Can be hung in both directions

Mixed media on wood  
30 x 30 x 1.5cm





## We Are Both In Cages

Mixed media on wood  
30 x 30 x 1.5cm







## Black Dog

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Mixed media on wood  
30 x 30 x 1.5cm





## PRICE LIST

1. Companion	€2500
2. Passages	€1500
3. Ha Long Heat	€1500
4. Legends Of Land	€2500
5. Evening Greens Ruby Night	€650
6. The Memories That Walk With Us	€750
7. Grace In A Sea Of Confusion	€750
8. Contemplation	€280
9. Watching & Waiting	€280
10. The Protector	€280
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