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All About... Summer

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Picture Yourself... **\$4,950**

Mixed media on canvas, 167x101cm

"Picture yourself in a boat on a river, with tangerine trees and marmalade skies." This song is a celebration of the transient joy of being illogical and insensible. We live in a world of unpredictability and unreasonableness. Therefore, the enlightened response needs to involve understanding, not exasperation.



What if One Morning **\$4,950**

Mixed media on canvas, 167x101cm

What if one morning, the sun stayed in bed saying "I don't want to rise today." Don't worry. Some things in this world are constant, invariable and determined. No matter what goes wrong, we have a sun which will rise again and won't stop shining.



We Should Wear Our Hope **\$4,950**
Mixed media on canvas, 167x101cm

We can wear hope on and off like a cardigan. When we seriously pursue a special goal, we become vulnerable to future disappointment. We have a choice to wait for the right circumstance, just like waiting for the cold weather to put our cardigan on.



Let's Go Camping! **\$4,950**
Mixed media on canvas, 167x101cm

Let's go camping! They say that change is as good as rest. Changing the location, however, does not help us much to regenerate for the better. We must change the old negative attitude, and we must be open-minded, as the feeling of renewal is priceless.



Good Fortune is Like the Tide **\$4,950**
Mixed media on canvas, 167x101cm

Good fortune is like the tide. It comes into a person's life, and then, goes out. Naturally, we all prefer it's in our life. But some really good things happen when we least expect it, just like digging pools and gullies when the tide is out.



Success Goes Straight to... **\$4,950**
Mixed media on canvas, 167x101cm

Success goes straight to our head like intoxicating liquor; failure bites our heart like an over-cooked BBQ. If we dwell too long on the mood in either case, we will make unwise decisions. We have to reflect calmly on what has happened, learn, and move on.



If All the World Were Paper... **\$3,850**
Mixed media on canvas, 101x76cm

If all the world were paper and all the sea were ink. We are the stories to be written. What stories? Adventure, of course! If we didn't come to this world for something exciting, what did we come here for?



Put on the Extra-Strong Sunglasses **\$3,850**
Mixed media on canvas, 101x76cm

Put on the extra-strong sunglasses. They say that ignorance is bliss. But knowledge is power. When it comes to the time when we can no longer live in the glorious denial of a certain situation, we find the truth is disconcertingly dazzling and unhelpfully illuminating.



Enjoy Summer by Adding... **\$3,850**
Mixed media on canvas, 101x76cm

Enjoy summer by adding milk to coffee. At least to some extent, we have to be willing to take dangerous risks, if we want to enjoy summer to the full. However that may be, we should take the edge off possible dangers and its intensity, in much the same way as we can add milk to coffee.



We Can't Tell the Sun... **\$3,850**
Mixed media on canvas, 101x76cm

We can't tell the sun not to shine. We can't stop the rain. If we are worried about getting burnt, we can wear sun cream. If we don't want to be wet, we can carry an umbrella. There are many circumstances that make us feel uncomfortable, but we have the capacity to adjust our attitudes, and then watch those circumstances change.



What Does it Feel Like to be a Winner **\$1,500**
Mixed media on canvas, 46x41cm

What does it feel like to be a winner? The moment we arrived on this planet, we won against enormous odds to be a human. We are not a dog, nor a seagull, nor a starfish. What does it feel like to be a winner? It is not about fame or wealth, but is about enthusiasm and gratitude.



Blossoming Fruit Tree **\$1,500**
Mixed media on canvas, 46x41cm

When we see a blossoming fruit tree, we see it as a scene of promise. However, it is only a possibility as in the same logic as a ticket is not a ride, an acorn is not an oak tree, or a calf can't supply milk yet. It is dangerous to become complacent in a favourable prospect.



Why Do We Have Winter **\$1,500**
Mixed media on canvas 46x41cm

Why do we have winter? So, we can appreciate summer. Why do we get edgy and emotionally intense? So, we can appreciate contentment. Life allows us to see the full value of what we have.



Somewhere Over the Rainbow **\$1,500**
Mixed media on canvas, 46x41cm

Somewhere over the rainbow, blue birds fly. So goes the song. But blue birds also fly under the rainbow where we look up from the path we are trudging. We forget that we are already in a very special place.



Sunshine Offends Our Eyes **\$1,500**
Mixed media on canvas, 46x41cm

Sunshine offends our eyes, exercise hurts our muscles. A little trouble and tension are the regrettable necessity. What matter is an amount just like the salt in a stew and a pepper in a pie.



Somewhere in the Darkness **\$1,500**

Mixed media on canvas 46x41cm

Somewhere in the darkness of midsummer night, there is a mischievous imp looking for unsuspecting humans. It takes a simple situation to turn into a complicated nightmare, such as taking an innocent remark as a malicious one. How do we repel such being? By refusing to take life too seriously.



We Think of Palm Tree... **\$1,500**

Mixed media on canvas 46x41cm

We think of palm trees and blue skies when we want to envisage ourselves enjoying life. Grey skies and wild waves make us think of struggle and oppression. In fact, our physical environment has nothing to do with our state of mind. It's just a psychological illusion.



Keep Doors Open **\$1,500**

Mixed media on canvas 46x41cm

Keep doors open. If we succumb to optimism and say 'yes' too much, we'll be ripped-off royally and become negative. However, if we gave a little more leeway, then we may get the benefit out of the situation.



We are Born to Surf **\$1,500**
Mixed media on canvas 46x41cm

We are born to surf in the ocean of emotion. Emotions change in a single moment. An anxious feeling can seize over a happy mood in an instant. They prove to come and go alternatively. We are born to surf with the grace of riding a wave.



Reality Rarely Appears **\$1,500**
Mixed media on canvas 46x41cm

Reality rarely appears quite as pleasant as the fantasy. This is not a perfect summer, as always. But we live through it. That's got to be a plus. So it can't be all bad. It might be wiser to try to see things as perfect in its imperfection.



Secret in Murky Water... **\$1,500**
Mixed media on linen 46 x 41cm

Keeping a secret is as hard as keeping crocodiles. They must be kept in murky water and dense hedge as it gives an impression that there is a danger if approached. We have to feed them a large quantity every day including out conscience, and occasionally, half-truths to the people nearby to satisfy their curiosity. It's an exhausting business and not very rewarding!



A Walk in the Blistering Heat...

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Acrylic, oil pastel and charcoal on canvas, 41cm (w) x 101cm (h)

A walk in the blistering heat is a nightmare scenario. But if we've got some cool shade to retire or refreshing water to shower to any time we choose, it's all a different matter. When we face a problem, we must stop and think before we worry whether it's a substantive problem or simply a temporary inconvenience.