

MICHEL TABORI



Michel Tabori was born in Paris in 1956 and grew up in New York. He spent the better part of the last forty years working as a director, producer and cinematographer, living and working all over the world. Tabori began working as a visual artist a little over ten years ago, and is currently based in Los Angeles. The artist's rapid maturity and clarity of vision in this medium are due, in part, to the fact that he has incorporated his cinematic expertise and visual creativity to his current process. In fact, some of his earlier work started out as a series of photographs.

Tabori's paintings depict symmetric transformations of fast moving action, landscapes and intimate portraits as seen and experienced both directly and through reflections of the subject's surroundings. To start, pigment is applied to flat canvas mounted on panel and then again on layers of polymer resin, which throw tints and shadows onto the layers below them as more resin is added. The resin's optical qualities develop a depth of field that deepens the work. This technique also magnifies colors otherwise impossible to achieve by paint on flat canvas alone. As Tabori explains, "The surface of the canvas is never the primary focus. Nor is the use of resin as a finish. Instead, it is about continually shifting relationships between optics and pigment that interact not only on the canvas, but also with the reflections of light, movement and obscuring forms in the surrounding environment."

Tabori's more recent work came about while driving through densely wooded, western forests at high speed on a Harley Davidson. Endless configurations of passing multi-shaped greens, reds, oranges, yellows and blues of varying shades and tones, along with constantly changing, misty shadows and rainy reflections merged with intense rays of California sunlight or bright beams of penetrating moonlight. Conveying this in his paintings, they become a representation of the interplay of all these components. They re-create a feeling of motion through nature, in a way that the casual, stationary observer could never encounter. The higher the speed, the more motion there is, the more powerful the experience becomes.

Born

1956 Paris, France

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2014 In Search Of Lost Time, William Turner Gallery, Santa Monica
- 2013 Sex and Proust: Remembrance of Things Past, Dillon Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 Michel Tabori, William Turner Gallery, Santa Monica
Michel Tabori, Dillon Gallery, New York City, NY
- 2009 Three Days and Nights in the Desert, THE Edge Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
No Time To Pretend, William Turner Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2008 Solo Show, Dillon Gallery, New York, NY
- 2007 New Work II, William Turner Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2006 New Works, Berman Turner Projects, Santa Monica
- 2005 New Work, William Turner Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2018 Playa del Rey William Turner Gallery, Playa del Rey
- 2015 That's My Trip, Joshua Liner Gallery, New York, NY
Michel Tabori, Melissa Morgan Fine Art, Palm Desert
Ethereal, William Turner Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2013 Art Miami, Miami, FL
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- 2010 Art Miami, Miami, FL
- 2008 Opening Exhibition, THE Edge Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Opening Exhibition, Jett Gallery, San Diego
Super Cool, William Turner Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
Liquid Light, Museum of Design Art and Architecture, Culver City, CA
TEN, Toomey-Tourell Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Finish Fetish, MMFA Gallery, Palm Springs, CA
- 2007 The Art of Harmony, Zimmer Museum, Los Angeles
Liquid Light, dba Gallery, Pomona, CA
Reflections, Dillon Gallery, New York, NY
Red Dot Art Fair, Miami, FL
Art Now Fair, Miami, FL
Red Dot Art Fair, Toomey-Tourell, New York, NY
- 2006 Abstract Notions, Riverside Art Museum, Riverside,
Satellite Exhibition, Santa Monica, CA
Bridge Art Fair, Toomey-Tourell, Chicago, IL

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