

# DECORAZON

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**Michele Mikesell**

Origin: USA

2015

DECORAZON is an international contemporary art gallery with current presence in Dallas, New York City and London.

Throughout its annual curatorial exhibitions, and global art fair participation, DECORAZON continues to present professional emerging talent to new and experienced collectors, with selective and innovative work. One of its main goals is to showcase artwork with strong concepts in all mediums.

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*Age Seven* - Oil and enamel on canvas - 2015  
36" x 36" / 91 x 91 cm

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*Unfinished* - Oil and enamel on canvas - 2015  
24" x 24" inches / 61 x 61 cm

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*Bubble Gum* - Oil and enamel on canvas - 2015  
36" x 36" / 91 x 91 cm



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*Second Act* - Oil and enamel on canvas - 2015  
36" x 36" / 91 x 91 cm

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*Year of the Ox* - Oil and enamel on canvas - 2015  
40" x 40" / 102 x 102 cm

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*Cat Fish* - Oil and enamel on canvas - 2015  
12" x 12" / 30 x 30 cm

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*The Albatross* - Oil and enamel on canvas - 2015  
12" x 12" / 30 x 30 cm

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*The Myth Maker* - Oil and enamel on canvas - 2014  
18" x 18" inches / 46 x 46 cm

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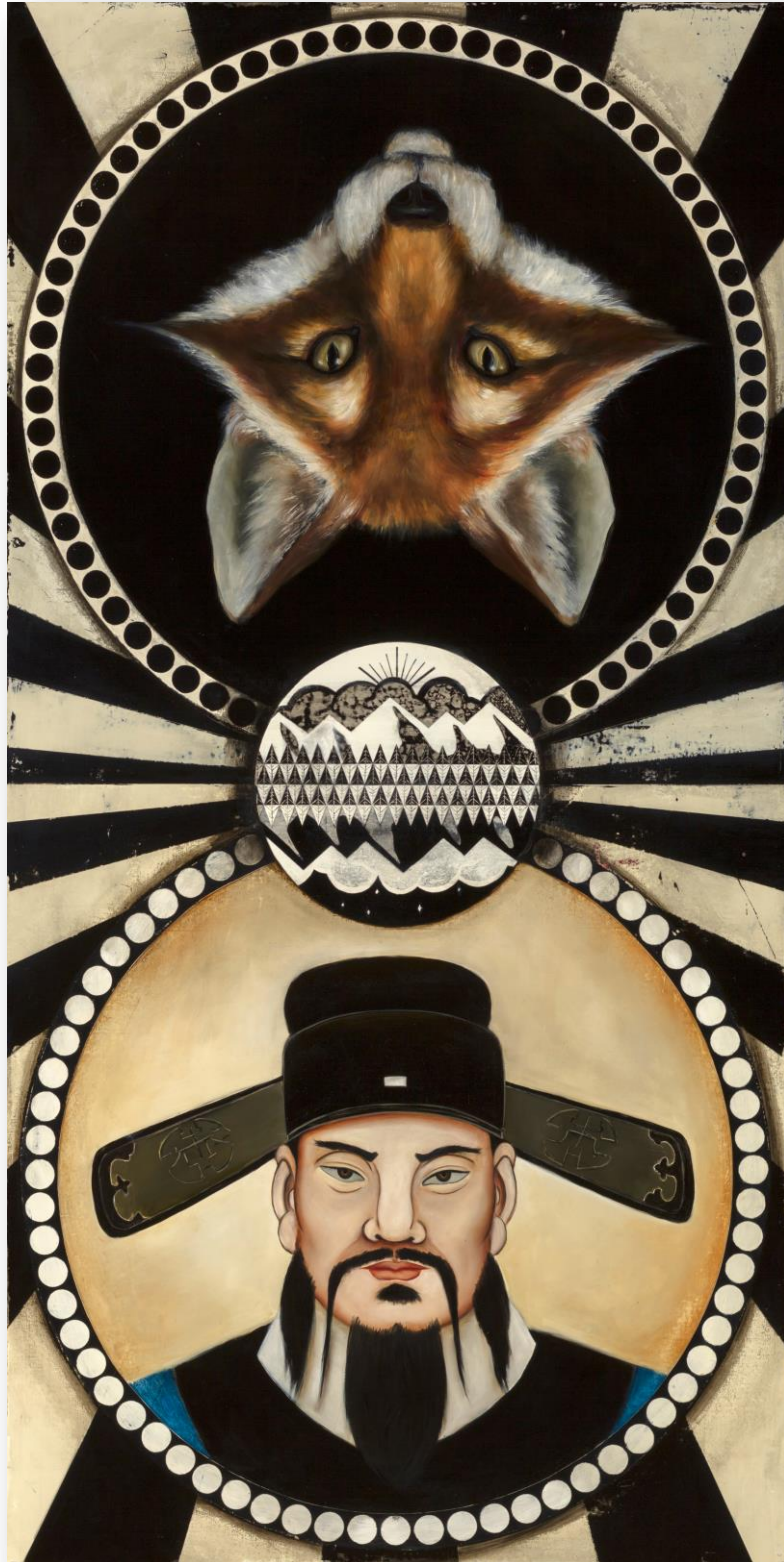
*The Misfit* - Oil and enamel on canvas - 2014  
48" x 48" inches / 122 x 122 cm

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*The Emperor (Aries)* - Oil and enamel on canvas – 30" x 60" / 76 x 152 cm

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*The Bull (Taurus)* - Oil and enamel on canvas – 30" x 60" / 76 x 152 cm

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*The Rabbit (Sagittarius)* - Oil and enamel on canvas – 30" x 60" / 76 x 152 cm

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## MICHELE MIKESELL

b. 1973, Alabama, USA

Lives and works in Dallas, Texas, USA

In 2002, Michele Mikesell earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts with a minor in graphic design from *Texas Women's University* in Denton, TX. Mikesell completed her Master of Fine Arts at the University of Oklahoma in Norman in 2004. Mikesell is a Dallas based artist, and has been represented by DECORAZON Gallery since 2006. Mikesell's work can be found internationally in many private and corporate collections, and exhibited in national and international art fairs including, *London Art Fair*, *AQUA Miami*; *SCOPE Basel*, Miami and New York City; *The Suite Art Fair*, Dallas; *Art Santa Fe*; *Asia Contemporary*, Hong Kong and the *Affordable Art Fair* New York City, London, Hong Kong and Singapore. Mikesell recently had a solo exhibition at the *Ardmore Museum of Art in Oklahoma*, and was featured at the *2014 Art Meets Architecture* exhibition in Los Angeles.

She has been featured as one of today's top Pop Surrealist artists, in publications like *Juxtapoz Magazine*, and her work characterized by playful and thought provoking narratives.

## ARTIST STATEMENT

"Creating individuals is what I find most interesting in the studio. It is my hope that these portraits will be familiar characters to the viewer, subjects we recognize and identify with. My work consistently travels along a general vein of the universal human experience. This particular group of paintings is an iconographical departure from previous work in that literal human features have been introduced. Other aspects of this work directly reference the anthropomorphic petro glyph characters in which I first based my interest in painting. These realistic, stylized faces placed within loosely interpreted animal shapes and costumes narrate a continued thesis of dichotomy and metaphor - comparing and contrasting human ideas with animal instinct. Irony, contradiction, humor and tragedy, have been continued themes in my work and are illustrated not only within the image, but within the actual paint and surface of the painting.

I am influenced by a diverse and extremely eclectic group of different movements including Abstract and German Expressionism, Art Informal, Children's Art, as well as the 17th century Dutch masters and the current Pop Surrealist movement. I work with little or no pre-conceived finished piece. My process is a constant acting and reacting from and within the marks subliminally laid into the paint."

-- Michele Mikesell, 2015

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## **Michele Mikesell**

b. 1973, Huntsville, Alabama, USA  
Lives and works in Dallas, Texas, USA

### **Education:**

2002 BFA Texas Women's University, Denton, Texas, USA

### **Represented by:**

DECORAZON Gallery in Dallas/ London  
Alan Avery Art Company, Atlanta, GA, USA  
Chiaroscuro, Sante Fe, NM, USA  
JRB Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK, USA  
La Lanta Fine Art, Bangkok, Thailand

### **Exhibitions:**

#### **2015**

Solo Exhibition, "Fierce Creatures", JRB Art, Oklahoma, USA, February 4-28

#### **2014**

"Family Circus" Exhibition, Decorazon Gallery, Dallas, Texas, September  
Solo Exhibition, Goddard Center, Ardmore, OK  
Solo Exhibition, Art meets Architecture, Los Angeles 2014

#### **2013** "Woodsmen", MA Doran, Tulsa, OK

"Fishers of Song", JRB Art Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK  
"Circus Switzerland" La Lanta Fina Art, Bangkok Thailand

#### **2012** "Dichotomy" La Lanta Fine Art, Bangkok Thailand

"1939" Decorazon Gallery, (London UK) pop up show Dallas, TX  
"Hugo, OK" Altered Space Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
"Upon the wheel" Alan Avery Art Co., Atlanta GA

#### **2011** "The Games We Play" JRB Art Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK "Chapter 3: Monsters" Altered Space Gallery, Los Angeles, CA "Bread and Circus" Chiaroscuro, Santa Fe, NM

#### **2010** "Chapter 1: Allegory" Decorazon Gallery, Dallas, Tx

"Chapter 2: Quotidian life " Smooth n Purdy Gallery, Los Angeles, CA "Chapter 3:  
Disambiguate" Altered Space Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

"Chapter 4 and 5" Alan Avery Art Company, Atlanta, GA

"Chapter 6: Guardians" Chiaroscuro, Sante Fe, NM

#### **2009** "Metropolis" JRB Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK

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"The Canvas Tent" M2, Gallery Little Rock, AR

"Ribbons, Glue, Elastic" Altered Space Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

**2008** "The Smell of Sawdust" Altered Space Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

"Eating Crow" Decorazon Gallery, Dallas, TX

**2007** "Personified" JRB Art Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK

"Dancing in Thorns" Decorazon Gallery, Dallas, TX "Omada" Addison Arts, Sante Fe, NM

## **Art Fairs**

Asia Contemporary with Decorazon Gallery, Hong Kong, March 12-15

London Art Fair, with Decorazon Gallery, January 20-14, 2014

Affordable Art Fair New York City, Decorazon Gallery 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008

Affordable Art Fair Hong Kong, Decorazon Gallery 2015, 2014, 2013

Singapore 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011

Brussels, Decorazon Gallery, 2012, 2013

London Battersea 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

SCOPE New York, La Lanta Fine Art 2014, 2013

SCOPE Miami, La Lanta Fine Art 2012, 2011

Hong Kong Contemporary Art Fair, La Lanta Fine Art 2012

Suite Art Fair Dallas, Decorazon Gallery, 2011

Aqua Miami, Decorazon Gallery, 2010

Art Sante Fe, Decorazon Gallery 2010, 2009

Red Dot London, Decorazon Gallery 2008

Bridge Art Fair, Miami, Decorazon Gallery, 2008

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