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Overwhelming

It was touching the slippery slimy FISH that overwhelmed me. My older brother forced me on frequent fishing outings. The CROW surveys, never too far from trauma. The OLD are frail, the MASCULINE negotiate to hold on to a fluid pedestal, a pandemic, RAINS create flood, and the POOR in the streets are a little visible now. Not to the "HAVES" who spend their time invested in fake self-images which photograph well for pixels. The FEMININE have growing voices, and the paradigm is shifting for the MAD MEN gathering arms, in a climate of economic and ecological planetary collapse. It's hard to keep our heads above water.

This is my painterly song, with the cast of characters appearing in digital oil paintings giving agency to an emotional visual response, inspired by Honoré de Balzac (1829-48) 2000 characters in his "Comédie Humaine" describing French society.

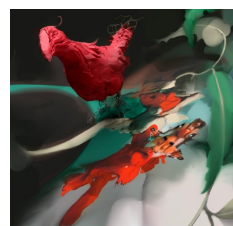
I too, have created my family of protagonists, actors, and extras, which interact to depict a present day universal dystopian unravelling narrative for the viewer to unpack.

The digital painting is executed with a stylus on a digital tablet via a painting process permitting a multimedia approach, specifically incorporating the materiality of plasticine sculpture. The output is transferred to canvas via inkjet high quality archival printing and undergoes a further oil painting application which interacts yet again with the printed image. The result is a unique multi disciplinary artwork and an observational contemporary narrative of our unsettling times.

In other words, I am interested in how post pandemic stresses impact on our spirit, and I want to paint with a new medium the feeling of being overwhelmed in 2022.



1. OVERWHELMING 2022_Eric LÖBBECKE_91CM X 76CM- DIGITAL OIL PAINTING ON CANVAS



Works in Progress (Digital Prints Without Final Oil Painting Application)

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