

Zombie Apocalypse

We are living through uncertain times, it's an understatement, entering the third year of global epidemic, global warming is not an abstraction anymore, sliding back in to the future of Europe in 30's with wanna be dictators and de facto dictators , economic dislocation, rise of intolerance and hate, racism, antisemitism, homophobia, well only thing missing is a meteorite speeding on collision course with the earth. We are 1 Inch or 2.54 cm away from Zombie Apocalypse .

So what is the point of making and showing Art? Well despite all of this , people do wake up and go to work, bring their children to school,, life goes on. Visual Art is my profession, went through various Academies to train in it, continuously producing it , this is what I do, so I think more than ever it's important we don't lose the faith and keep soldiering on, keep this thing called humanity on track, so I wake up and I go to work.

Art has a function, creativity it's common thread through humanity existence, as long we don't eliminate ourselves there will be Art. Art it's societal bad conscience , it's like a lighthouse showing the way to ancient marines in a bay through the fog. Right now it's more marginalized than ever which in a way it's its natural position since being in opposition to oppression it's a central function to good art and times of societal stress always produced best and sharpest works.

The Beuys proposition of "Social sculpture" that everyone it's an Artist and through this creative approach we can shape society for good was always an utopia, but an utopia that could actually work. Well unfortunately the brutality the way things shaped itself in recent years blew away this gentle possibility , we are partly in uncharted waters, so Art ,in my case Visual Art, has a crucial role in preventing all what is good to be derailed into a ditch.

NYC based Japanese Artist Natsumi K Goldfish generously accepted my invitation to participate in my "Saintly Body" Art show. Hers intensely personal and humanistic work is something that gives the faith that we all will be ok.

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