



MAGIC DIXIE

THE ART OF HENRYK FANTAZOS

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Red Springs Artspace

INTRODUCTION

When Henryk Fantazos immigrated to America in the late 1970s, he had already earned a master's degree from the Fine Arts Academy of Krakow in his native Poland. He wound up in North Carolina, which has been equally beneficial for him and us. The recurring themes of his paintings, as he puts it, are "wandering, social grotesque, commedia dell-arte and circus, and love of the South." The theme of wandering, as he tells us, flows from his experience as an immigrant, experience that was precipitated by the Soviet invasion of his native land. His love of the South, where he has lived for the last forty-three years, is evident in paintings from his "Face of the South" cycle. He characterizes the American South as "a fragrant land of overabundant nature."

Many of his paintings have their origin in unbidden visions not unlike those that came to William Blake. But the vision is only the beginning. It must eventually be "clad in appearances." The details of his works, he reports, "finally coalesce and unite into a continuum, a new being." In contrast to Blake, who attempted to penetrate the metaphysical reality beyond appearances, Fantazos wants to "stay where appearances are" because, as he puts it, "They promise a much jollier party." Appearances, he says, "spread themselves lavishly and boldly, beckoning for closer scrutiny. And the show is breathtaking."

While his attention to detail is inspired in part by the paintings of Jan van Eyck, Fantazos' works are sometimes taken as surrealistic, which he regards as a mistake. As he puts it, "Whoever does not know surrealism calls my art surrealistic." Whereas surrealist painters celebrate absurdity, Fantazos has "no use for the absurd." His objective is to build a "poetical sense within the window of each painting." The details impart to his work a sense of rediscovery. In his words, "The process of creating a piece of art is in isolating one object after another and asking: 'Is this object rediscovered as a living, expressive being?'"

Front cover:

Wanderers Repose by Henryk Fantazos



Henryk Fantazos
Abandoned Homestead,
2015
Oil
24x36 in.
\$8,000



Henryk Fantazos
Alicia and Corundum
Chameleon, 2015
Oil
24x24 in.
\$8,000

Henryk Fantazos
Bat frogs of Millpond,
2010
Oil
25x25 in.
\$10,000



Henryk Fantazos
Beach Bride, 2000
Oil
28x24 in.
\$10,000



Henryk Fantazos
Bell-Canto in Cotton,
2020-2023
Oil
26x26 in.
\$15,000



Henryk Fantazos
Blessing Cotton, 2024
Oil
26x26 in.
\$8,000



Henryk Fantazos
***Blessing the Eno*, 2014**

Oil
19x24 in.
\$15,000



Henryk Fantazos
***Blind Diver*, 2018**

Oil
19x15 in.
\$8,000

**Henryk
Fantazos
*Bridge
of Saint
Humpty*,
2000
Oil
40x46 in.**



**Henryk
Fantazos
*Deities
of Metals*,
2000-2023
Oil
26x40 in.
\$11,000**



Henryk Fantazos
Festival of Detours,
2024-2025
Oil
23x23 in.
\$16,000



Henryk Fantazos
Fire-Breather,
2024
Oil
38x48 in.
\$11,000

Henryk Fantazos
Flagmen
in Autumn,
2010
Oil
21x24 in.
\$8,000



Henryk Fantazos
Flying Lessons,
1995
Egg tempera
and oil
21x26 in.
\$12,000



Henryk Fantazos

Fog Horn Sentry,

2024-2025

Oil

24x30 in.

\$15,000



Henryk Fantazos
Ghosts of Domesticity,

2020-2023

Oil

25x26 in.

\$9,000



Henryk Fantazos
Gothic Kissing Booth,
2023-2024
Oil
32x32 in.
\$10,000



Henryk Fantazos
Hackberry Legend, 2018
Oil
19.5x16 in.
\$8,000



Henryk Fantazos
Harvest Moon,
2020
Oil
37x23 in.
\$18,000



Henryk Fantazos
Hortus Mirabilis, 1990
Egg tempera and oil
39x46 in.
\$18,000



Henryk Fantazos
***House Key*, 2005**
Oil
23x23.5 in.
\$8,000



Henryk Fantazos
***Idyll*, 1994**
Oil
16x16 in.
\$8,000



Henryk Fantazos
Land, Ho!, 2018-2020
Oil
23x19 in.
\$12,000



Henryk Fantazos
Lunar Acrobatics,
2012
Oil
32x25.5 in.
\$18,000

Henryk Fantazos
Marauding
Commediants,
2000
Oil
23x31 in.
\$10,000



Henryk Fantazos
Marine Accordionist,
2022-2023
Oil
31x24 in.
\$18,000



Henryk Fantazos
***Marine Hypnosis*, 2018**
Oil
40x50 in.
\$12,000



Henryk Fantazos
***Molluscan Bay*,**
1998-2020
Egg tempera and oil
26x16 in.
\$9,000



Henryk Fantazos
Nenufarium,
 1998
 Egg tempera
 and copal resin
 29×39 in.
 \$18,000



Henryk Fantazos
Pancakes
from Two Skillets,
 2020-2025
 Oil
 26×30 in.
 \$10,000

Henryk Fantazos
Persimmon Ghosts,
1996
Egg tempera and oil
32x38 in.
\$8,000



Henryk Fantazos
Rockhounding in Miami,
1990
Oil
30x36 in.
\$8,000



Henryk Fantazos
Rose Drummers,
2020-2024
Oil
23x23 in.
\$16,000



Henryk Fantazos
Song Of Self, 2020
Oil
33x24 in.
\$8,000



Henryk Fantazos
***Spell Caster*, 2022**
Egg tempera and oil
24x22 in.
\$10,000

Henryk Fantazos
***Swamp Water*,**
2020-2025
Egg tempera and oil
24x36 in.
\$18,000





Henryk Fantazos
Tabernacle of Tupelo Honey,
1997-1999
Oil
28x29 in.
\$10,000



Henryk Fantazos
Tango in Winter, 1990
Oil
50x40 in.
\$9,000



**Henryk
Fantazos**
*Temptations
Under
Magnolia
Tree,*
1998-2000
Egg tempera
and oil
31x40 in.
\$20,000

**Henryk
Fantazos**
*Three
Carousels,*
1997
Oil
24x40 in.
\$10,000



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Henryk Fantazos
Urbane Conversation,
2020
Oil
24x17.5 in.
\$12,000



Henryk Fantazos
Vagabond Bride,
1990
Oil
23x32 in.
\$8,000



Henryk Fantazos
Wanderers Repose,
2008
Egg tempera and oil
32x32 in.
\$16,000



Henryk Fantazos
Yellow Sky of Summer,
1996-1998
Oil
23x23 in.
\$12,000

**Henryk
Fantazos
*Pantry
Gossip*,
2024
Oil
20x26 in.
\$6,000**



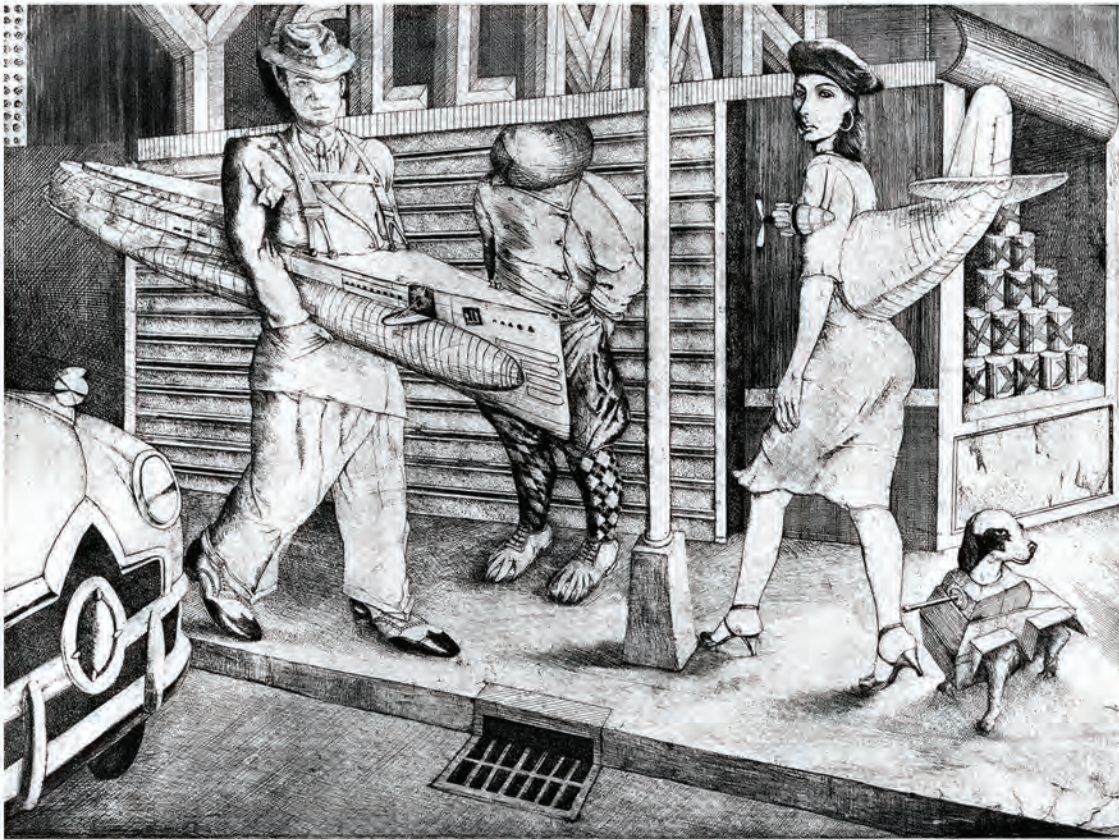
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Fantazos
*Parental
Rebuke*,
1994
Oil
23x19.5 in.
\$6,000**



**Henryk
Fantazos**
***Somnambular
March,***
2023
Oil
20x26 in.
\$6,000



Henryk Fantazos
Tableau vivant
***"Alborada
del Gracioso"***
2024
Oil
18x23 in.
\$6,000



**Henryk
Fantazos
Armored
Strollers**
Etching &
engraving
18x24 in.
\$700



**Henryk Fantazos
Cafe Seine**
Etching
17x17.6 in.
\$200

CAFE SEINE



Henryk Fantazos
Candleman,
Etching & engraving
21x16 in.
\$700



Henryk Fantazos
Carousel Man,
Etching & aquatint
18x21 in.
\$300



Henryk Fantazos
Ditch Dwellers

Etching
17x19 in.
\$700

Henryk Fantazos
Gutter Melody

Etching
24x18 in.
\$300





Henryk Fantazos
Malachite Express,
Etching & engraving
18x21 in.
\$300



Henryk Fantazos
One Man Band,
Etching & engraving
21x18 in.
\$700



Henryk Fantazos
Turtles' Progress
Etching & aquatint
19x17 in.
\$300



Henryk Fantazos
Wandering Gardener
Engraving & etching
18x24 in.
\$700



Henryk Fantazos *Distracted Gardeners*,
Engraving & aquatint, 9x8 in., \$160



**Henryk Fantazos
Garden Angel,**
Engraving & etching
11x9 in.
\$160



**Henryk Fantazos
Hunchback's Canoe,**
Etching
14x12 in.
\$300

Henryk Fantazos

Lady Dwarf

Engraving

10x10 in.

\$160



Henryk Fantazos

Land Ho!

Engraving & aquatint

11x9 in.

\$300

Henryk Fantazos

Lone Drummer

Engraving

10x9 in.

\$100



Henryk Fantazos
Lunar Acrobatics,
Etching & engraving
14x11 in.
\$300



Henryk Fantazos ***Molluscan Vespers,***
Etching, 7x10 in., \$160



Henryk Fantazos
Okra Smugglers,
Engraving & etching
9x10 in.
\$160

Henryk Fantazos
Tethered Wandering,

Etching
11x9 in.
\$300



Henryk Fantazos *Thistle War,*
Engraving, 12x10 in., \$160



Henryk Fantazos
Three Carousels
Etching & engraving
9x14 in.
\$300



Henryk Fantazos
Wickery Man,
Engraving
10x9 in.
\$160

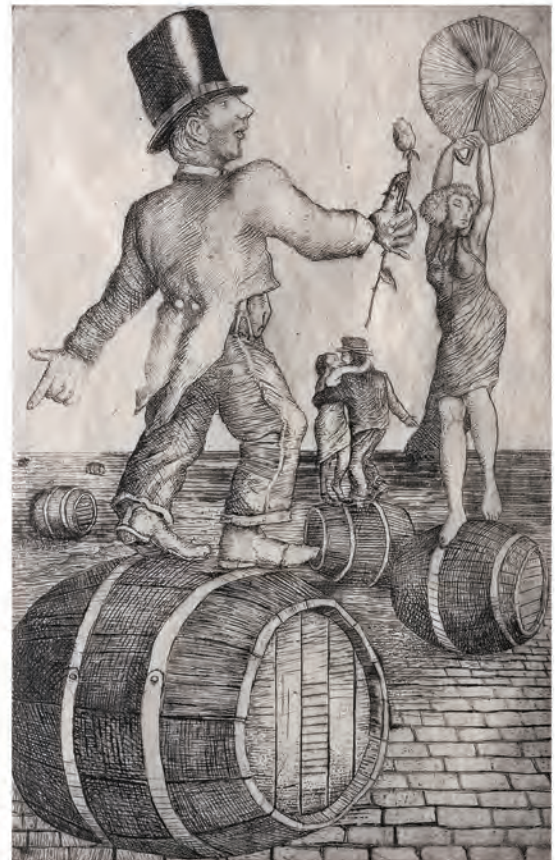
Henryk Fantazos
Duffy Morel,
Engraving
7x4.5 in.
\$160

Henryk Fantazos *Broken Kite,*
Engraving, 5.5x5 in., \$90





Henryk Fantazos
Fig Orchard
Engraving
7x4.5 in.
\$160



Henryk Fantazos *First rendez-vous*,
Engraving, 7x4.5 in., \$160



Henryk Fantazos
Hunchback's Canoe
Etching & engraving
7.5x4.5 in.
\$160



**Henryk
Fantazos
Sarabande,**
Engraving
7x4.5 in.
\$160



**Henryk
Fantazos
Scarecrow
Maker,**
Engraving
7x4.5 in.
\$160



**Henryk
Fantazos
Song
Of Self,**
Engraving
7x4.5 in.
\$160



**Henryk
Fantazos
Swamp
Preacher,**
Engraving
7x4.5 in.
\$100

Henryk Fantazos
Tasting Gumbo,
Engraving
7x4.5 in.
\$100



Henryk Fantazos
Uprooted Home,
Engraving
7x4.5 in.
\$160

Henryk Fantazos
Urbane Conversation,
Etching
7x4.5 in.
\$100





Wickery Man by Henryk Fantazos

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