

## On Marco Caridad's Work

What moves you?

What are you passionate about? How do you express it?

There is a verse in Iggy Pop's "Lust for Life" which defines these three questions rather well: "Well I am just a modern guy, Of course, I've had it in the ear before 'Cause of a lust for life 'Cause of a lust for life I got a lust for life."

Marco is just that type of man, a modern guy who is passionate about every second of his life... His passion flows through his strokes, sometimes gentle, sometimes strong, adding layers of textures to the depth of colors we find in his work. His work revolves around the introductory questions, opening a window of understanding his vantage point. He is moved by the air he breathes, he is in a constant love affair with life, and his journey has not been an easy one...

Yet, his paintings come to us with infectious optimism, and one can't help to dive into his inner world of dreams and poetry, his life overture, described in colors.

Choosing abstractionism as his form of expression allows his thought to permeate one's mind, and feel his desire. Through abstract expressionism, his inner world is shared, and the gestural layered textures on the canvases reveal Marco as a deep fisherman who wants us to cast our lines as deep as his. Sensing our curiosity, Caridad intuitively wraps us in his surreal world, an area of degrees in light, never darkness, and not because he refuses darkness, but because he embraces it and turns it into a bright glare.

Marco's journey has begun, and he is welcoming us onto this, and the many other quests that are to come...

-- Rafa Muci, Curator and Visual Artist

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