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What Others Have Said About Jindrich's Art

Thank you for your paintings in which I see light and hope. I like the harmony of colours and shapes which give the impression of movement. Your artwork reflects optimism. Ali D. (United Kingdom)

The colours in Jindrich's art are very positive, reflecting optimism, as well as purity and wholesomeness. His versatility is amazing – the way his artwork ranges from impressionism and abstract to portraits and still lifes.

Col B. (Australia)

I like colours, freedom, and the resulting joy. This is exactly what I feel when I look at Jindrich's pictures. I can imagine having some of them in my home.

Radka S. (Czech Republic)

I looked through Jindrich's artworks and found them fascinating. I especially like the painting "In the Forest". There I feel that I understand the forest – being able to perceive how it lives, grows, and receives nourishment from the roots. Drahomira O. (Czech Republic)

Many thanks for the gifts that you have brought to us all through your long life of music and art. We are all the richer for your presence! I was interested to see so many mandala-like pieces – conveying a sense of completion - though I think my favourite work is "In the Forest". Once again, thanks for the inspiration! Erica M. (Australia)

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What I dream of is an art of balance,

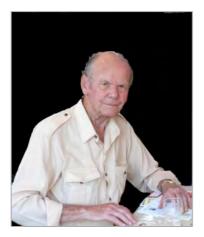
of purity and serenity,

devoid of

troubling or depressing subject matter.

Henri Matisse

INTRODUCTION



Born in 1923 in Prague, Czechoslovakia, Jindrich (Henry) Degen has enjoyed drawing since childhood. After completing secondary education, he chose to pursue his other great interest, music, following in the footsteps of his father. From 1943 until 1979 he performed as principal oboist in various symphony and opera orchestras in

Prague (now Czech Republic), Gothenburg (Sweden), and Melbourne (Victoria, Australia). He also published educational music for oboe in Prague, England and Germany.

After his retirement in 1979, Jindrich moved from Victoria to Queensland where he began devoting himself to art. While living on the Sunshine Coast, he took a three-year art course at the TAFE (Technical And Further Education) institute in the area. Later in the Redlands, as a member of the Yurara Art Society, he attended workshops conducted by prominent artists, Irene Amos, Jan Jefferies, Jack Oudyn, and Michael John Taylor.

Jindrich's subject repertoire is diverse, directed by his personal mood or idea at the time. He enjoys painting realistic subjects, such as portraits, townscapes, still lifes, and nature themes. Through colourful semi-abstract or abstract art, he seeks to express his subconscious feelings in images using various media (such as oil, acrylic, pastel and watercolour). Many of these can

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be seen on his website www.henrydegen.com, as well as in an earlier publication entitled *Artistic Inspirations, Paintings by Jindrich Degen* (published in 2011).

A respected local artist, Jindrich continues to take part in various art activities and exhibitions, especially those of the Yurara Art Society. In addition, during March-April 2004, he had a solo exhibition in the Redland Art Gallery. In July-August 2010, he displayed a selection of his mandala paintings at the same gallery. Another exhibition is planned for 2014.

This new book of 184 pictures is a selection of Jindrich's paintings featuring both realistic and abstract art. Organized under twelve categories, it contains many of the art pieces found in a previous publication entitled *Artistic Inspirations* (2011). The paintings in this book, however, are each featured on a separate page. The collection contains still lifes, landscapes, city scenes, real-life portraits, as well as abstract images representing nature and spirituality themes.



This collection of art works has been arranged by Jindrich's daughter, Eva, with assistance from her husband Alex. Jindrich actively participated in the various production steps

including final selection of the works, photographing his

art, guiding in the computer editing process, writing and editing text, choosing the quotes used on the divider pages, and advising on the final layout, including the cover design. He



also painted the portraits of his daughter and son-in-law featured

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on the preceding page and designed the cover using his art piece "Flowerage".

The artist hopes that this varied and colourful collection of paintings will leave visitors to this "gallery in print" uplifted and inspired.

If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change.

(The Buddha)

The subject itself is of no account;

what matters is the way it is presented.

(Raoul Dufy)







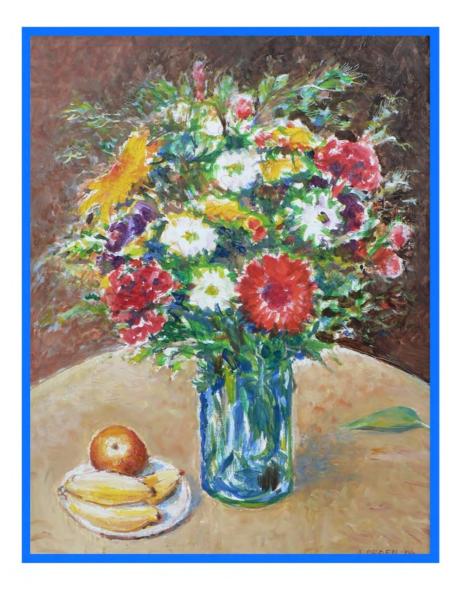
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Oil on canvas, 26 x 31 cm, 1941



Gerbera

Acrylic on canvas, 31 x 31 cm, 2010

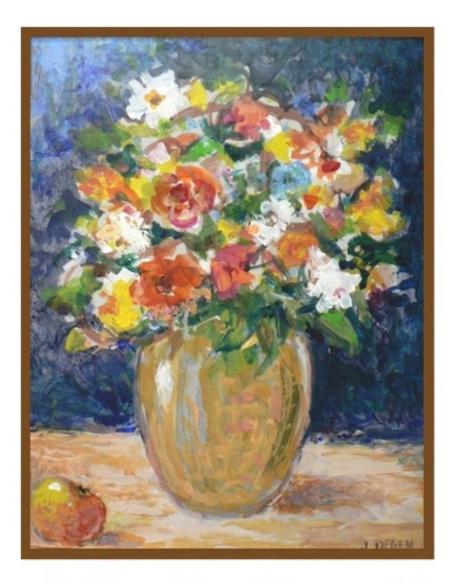


Blue Vase

Acrylic on board, 57 x 42 cm, 2005

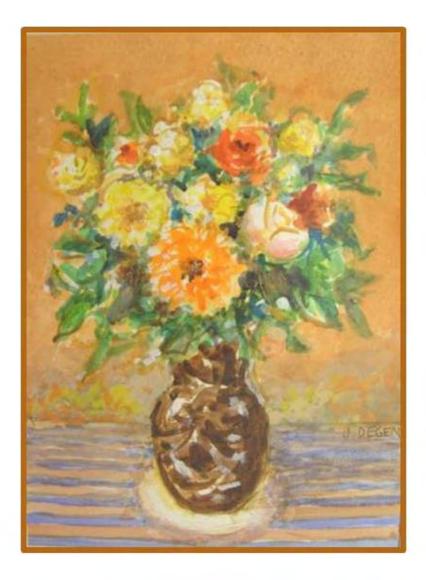


White Flowers in Violet Vase Acrylic on paper, 32 x 27 cm, 2006



Brown Vase

Oil on board, 28 x 22 cm, 2009



Bouquet

Watercolour on paper, 38 x 28 cm, 2011



At Home

Acrylic on canvas, 20 x 14 cm, 2011



Violet Vase

Water colour on paper, 29 x 22 cm, 2009



Tulips

Acrylic on paper, 37 x 25 cm, 2009



Flowers

Oil on canvas, 30 x 25 cm, 2010



Yellow Vase

0íl on board, 40 x 32 cm, 2002



Still Life

Oíl on board, 58 x 45 cm, 2002

God made the country, and man made the town. (William Cowper)

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful,

we must carry it with us,

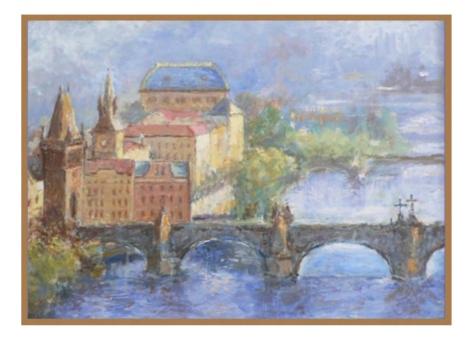
or we find it not.

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)



Cíty & Country





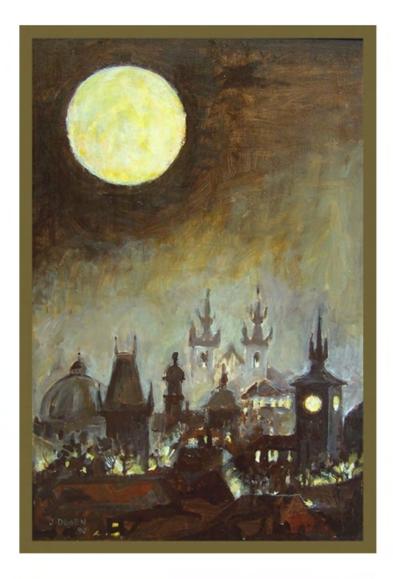
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Oíl on board, 28 x 39 cm, 2004



Charles Bridge in Prague

Acrylic on paper, 27 x 34 cm, 2009



Prague Nocturnal

Acrylic on board, 72 x 49 cm, 1990



Faster and Faster - Speed is the Jailer

Acrylic on board, 29.5 x 60 cm, 2007



Berounka Ríver

Mixed media on paper, 30 x 39 cm, 2009



Friendly Frog

Acrylic on board, 26 x 38 cm, 2009



Black Swamp, Cleveland

Acrylic on paper, 29 x 39 cm, 2009



Sunny Morning

Acrylic on paper, 27 x 38 cm, 2009



Koala

Acrylic on paper, 29 x 39 cm, 2009



At Hilliards Creek

Acrylic on board, 59 x 84 cm, 2008

Are we to paint what's on the face, what's inside the face, or what's behind it? (Pablo Picasso)

The body always expresses the spirit

whose envelope it is.

(Auguste Rodin)



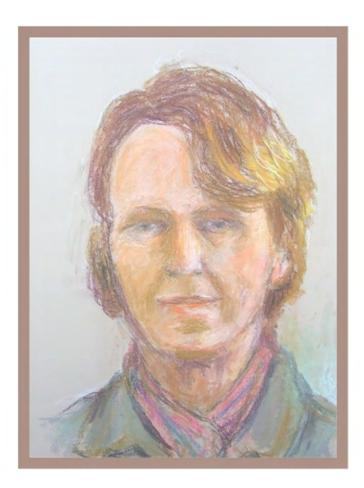
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Auburn Hair

Acrylic on paper, 39 x 28 cm, 2009



Sue

Pastel on paper, 38 x 28 cm, 2009



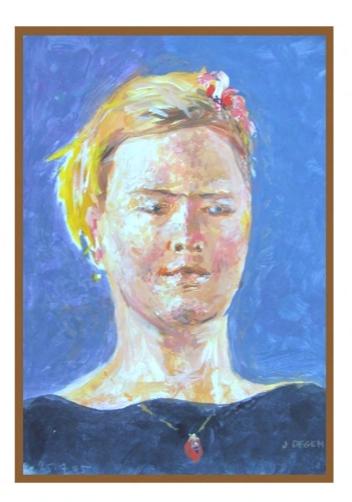
At Peace

Pastel on paper, 32 x 26 cm, 2011



Lost in Thought

Pastel on paper, 35 x 23 cm, 2010



Young Blonde

Acrylic on paper, 40 x 30 cm, 2009



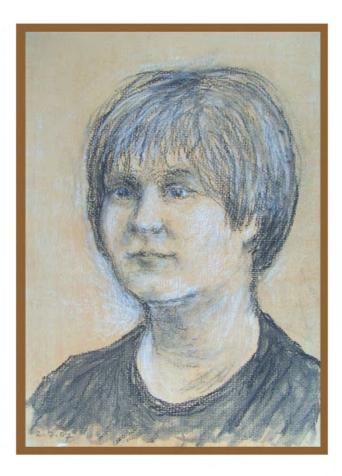
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Acrylic on paper, 32 x 26 cm, 2007

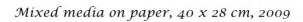


Portrait of a Lady

Pastel on paper, 38 x 28 cm, 2009



Youth





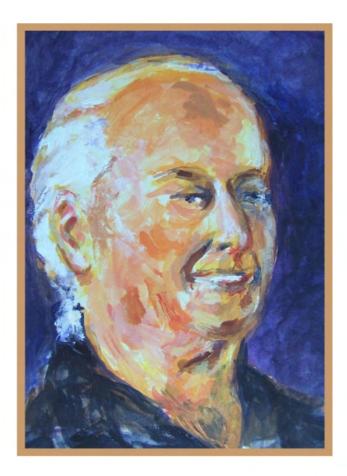
Portrait Sitter

Acrylic on paper, 30 x 25 cm, 2008



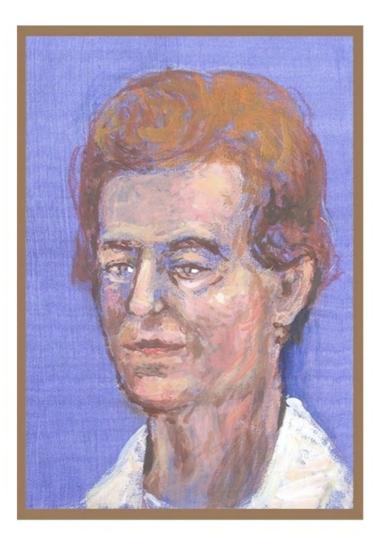
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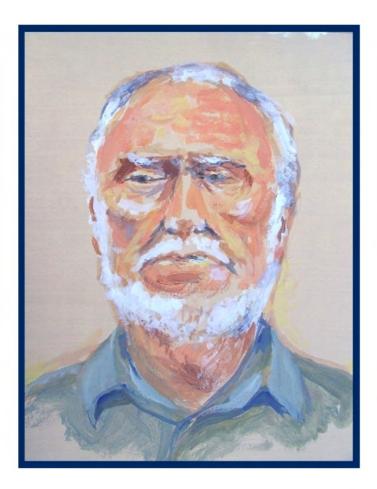
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Acrylic on paper, 40 x 30 cm, 2009



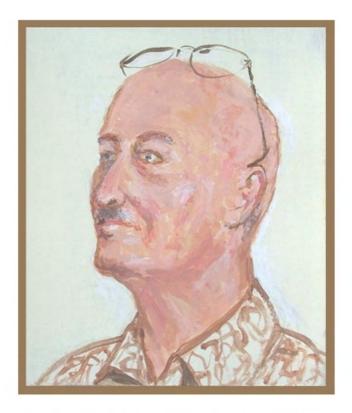
Pensive

Pastel on paper, 30 x 22 cm, 2008



Robert

Acrylic on paper, 40 x 30 cm, 2009



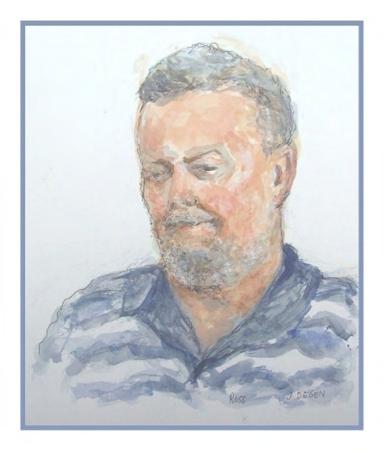
Dave

Acrylic on paper, 26 x 22 cm, 2008



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Acrylic on paper, 38 x 28 cm, 2008



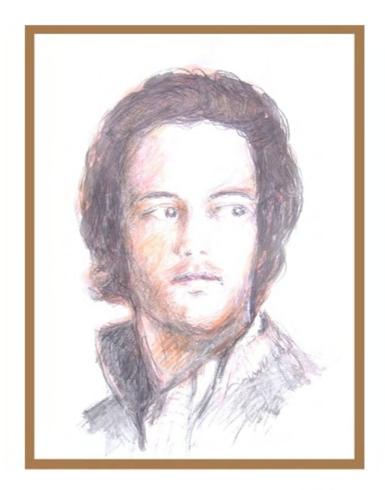
Ross

Acrylic on paper, 38 x 28 cm, 2010



The Red Man

Acrylic on paper, 39 x 29 cm, 2005



Young Man

Pastel on paper, 30 x 25 cm, 2010

Art will never be able to exist without nature. (Pierre Bonnard)

Art does not reproduce the visible;

rather, it makes visible.

(Paul Klee)







From the Abyss to the Sun

Oil on canvas, 50 x 40 cm, 2005



Flow in the Sun

Acrylic on paper, 28 x 22 cm, 2009



Something in the Air

Oil on canvas, 60 x 45 cm, 2005



Summer Feeling

Acrylic on board, 40 x 29 cm, 2009



Meadow

Oíl on canvas, 51 x 41.5 cm, 2009



Flowering Meadow

Oil on canvas, 51 x 41.5 cm, 2009



Place in the Sun

Acrylic on board, 37 x 45 cm, 2003



Tropical

Oil on canvas, 51 x 76 cm, 2005

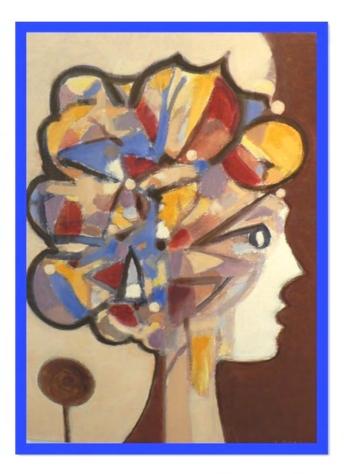


Waves

Watercolour on paper, 28 x 37 cm, 2009



Friends in Nature Acrylic on board, 47 x 60 cm, 2010



Lady of the Trees

Oíl on canvas, 51 x 41 cm, 2005



In the Forest

Oíl on board, 43 x 58.5 cm, 2002



The Sun Under Attack

Acrylic on board, 60 x 90 cm, 2009



Red Tide

Acrylic on paper, 30 x 22 cm, 2011



Nightfall at Camp

Acrylic on paper, 31 x 23 cm, 2005



Living Night

Acrylic on board, 30 x 25 cm, 2009

Art is the unceasing effort to compete with the beauty of flowers and never succeeding. (Marc Chagall)

Though short-lived – a symbol of our impermanence – flowers remind us of the inner beauty that will flourish if we conduct ourselves well in thought and deed. (Lisa Tenzin-Dolma)







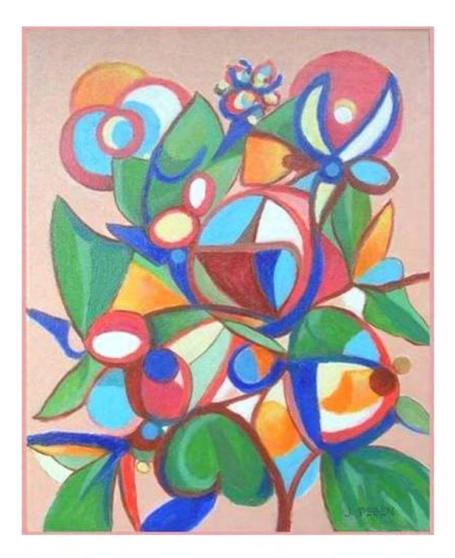
Floral Motive

Acrylic on board, 59 x 58 cm, 2006



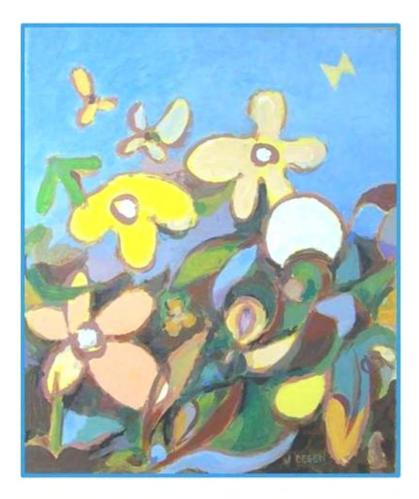
Floríade

Acrylic on board, 41 x 57 cm, 2002



A Níce Day

Oil on canvas, 50 x 40 cm, 2011



End of Day

Acrylic on board, 51 x 42 cm, 2011



Flowering

Acrylic on paper, 28 x 28 cm, 2006



Flowerage

Collage and acrylic on paper, 27 x 26 cm, 2008



Golden Flower

Mixed media on paper, 28 x 28 cm, 2010



Petals

Acrylic on paper, 27 x 27 cm, 2006



Garden

Acrylic and pastel on paper, 28 x 39 cm, 2009



In the Garden

Acrylic on board, 60 x 90 cm, 2009



Garden Setting

Acrylic on paper, 38 x 28 cm, 2009



Flower Pots

Acrylic on paper, 26 x 32 cm, 2009



Four, Three, Two, One

Acrylic on paper, 24 x 30 cm, 2010



Emblem

Oíl on board, 55 x 55 cm, 2001



Flower Tíme

Acrylic on paper, 22 x 28 cm, 2010



Flowers at Night

Acrylic on paper, 29 x 38 cm, 2009

 $Grow th\,its elf \,has \,the\,germ\,of\,happiness.$

(Pearl S. Buck)

How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and color are their last days. (George Burns)







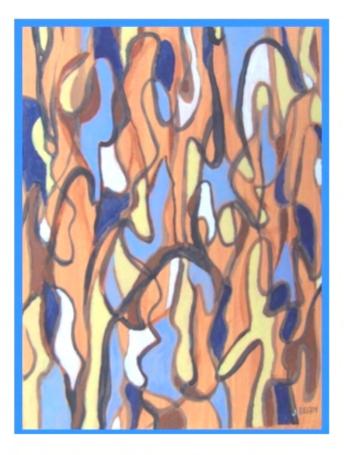
One, Two, Three, Four

Oil on board, 61 x 46 cm, 2009



Garden Fantasy

Acrylic on canvas, 27 x 35 cm, 2010



Growth

Acrylic on paper, 38 x 28 cm, 2009



Undergrowth

Acrylic on paper, 40 x 28 cm, 2009



Coloured Growth

Acrylic on board, 30 x 42 cm, 2009



Leaves in a Circle

Acrylic on board, 60 x 59 cm, 2008



Fairy Tree

Acrylic on card, 42 x 30 cm, 2009



Supplicating Leaves

Oíl on board, 75 x 59 cm, 2005



Leafage

Acrylic on paper, 28 x 28 cm, 2005



Folíage

Acrylic on paper, 28 x 38 cm, 2003



Garden Exotica

Acrylic on paper, 27 x 34 cm, 2009



Autumn Celebration

Mixed media on paper, 40 x 30 cm, 2009



Autumn

Acrylic on paper, 35 x 50 cm, 2011



Autumn Memoríes

Acrylic on board, 38 x 47 cm, 2009

Animals are such agreeable friends – they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms. (George Eliot)

In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him. (Dereke Bruce)

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In the Stream

Acrylic on board, 61 x 91 cm, 2009



Baysíde

Oíl on board, 29 x 75 cm, 2003



Maríne Party

Acrylic on paper, 26 x 21 cm, 2006



School of Fish

Acrylic on board, 60 x 48 cm, 2009



Species Unknown

Acrylic on canvas, 30.5 x 30.5 cm, 2007



Corals

Acrylic on paper, 30 x 26 cm, 2009



At the Shore

Acrylic on board, 60 x 90 cm, 2009



Animalia

Acrylic on board, 46 x 65 cm, 2009



Two Rabbits

Acrylic on paper, 28 x 28 cm, 2004



Four Beetles

Acrylic on paper, 28 x 28 cm, 2005



Monkey and Frogs

Acrylic on paper, 36 x 26 cm, 2006



Playful Puppy

Oil on canvas, 45 x 35 cm, 2006



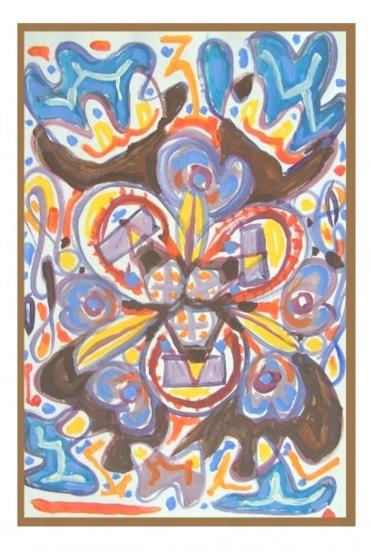
Chick on the Run

Acrylic on paper, 30 x 23 cm, 2006



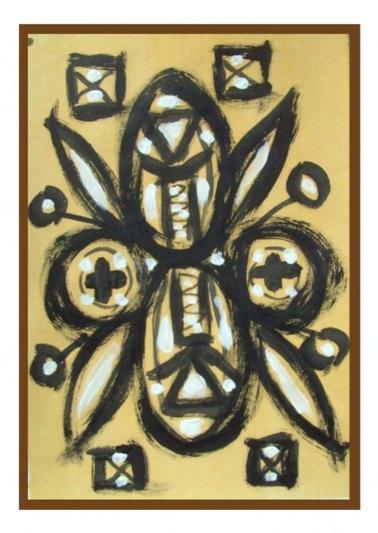
Catch Me If You Can

Acrylic on board, 22 x 28 cm, 2008



Creature Unidentified

Acrylic on paper, 36 x 25 cm, 2009



To Bee or Not to Bee

Acrylic on paper, 38 x 26 cm, 2009

Color is all. When color is right, form is right. Color is everything, color is vibration like music; everything is vibration. (Marc Chagall)

Painting is a mosaic of colors weaved into a seamless whole. (Igor Babailov)



Sound & Colour





Golden Afternoon

Acrylic on board, 60 x 45 cm, 2011



Sound of Colours

Acrylic on canvas, 60 x 60 cm, 2010



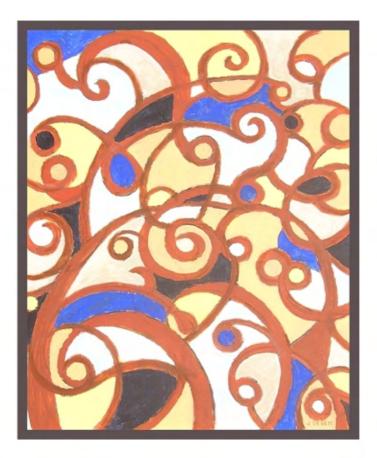
Flow

Acrylic on canvas, 31 x 31 cm, 2010



Rípples

Acrylic on canvas, 31 x 31 cm, 2010



Golden Flow

Acrylic on board, 58 x 43 cm, 2010



Little Carnival

Acrylic on paper, 28 x 40 cm, 2009



A Little Music



Garden Music

Oil on canvas, 76 x 51 cm, 2005



Garden Nook



Moon Serenade

Acrylic on paper, 27 x 37 cm, 2009



Kaleidoscope

Acrylic on board, 50 x 60 cm, 2009



Colour Display



Dísplay in Contrast

Acrylic on paper, 35 x 27 cm, 2009



Spanish Encounter

Acrylic on paper, 27 x 36 cm, 2009



Commotion



Bubble Bath

There are no rules of architecture for a castle in the clouds. (G. K. Chesterton)

Cities, like cats, will reveal themselves at night.

(Rupert Brooke)







Somewhere in Europe

Acrylic on canvas, 21 x 27 cm, 2005



The White Sun



Coloured Town

Acrylic on paper, 30 x 41 cm, 2004



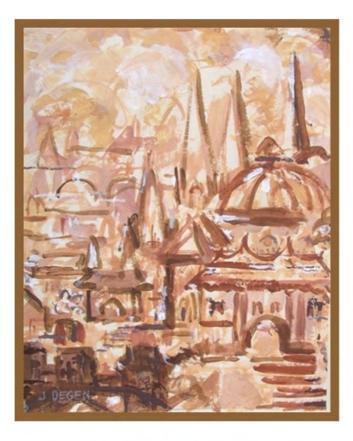
Town in Blue

Oil on paper, 29 x 38 cm, 2006

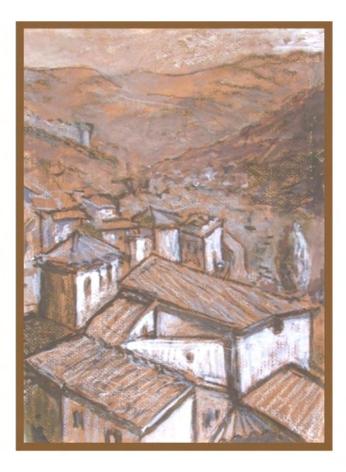


False Mírror

Gouache on paper, 27 x 35 cm, 2006



Old Town Fantasy



Spanish Village



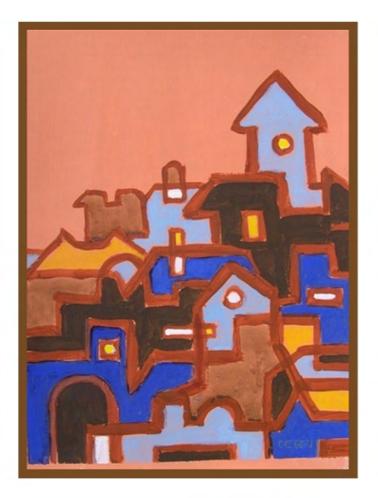
Asian Inspiration

Acrylic on paper, 24 x 31 cm, 2007



Untidy Town

Acrylic on paper, 35 x 27 cm, 2010



Red Sunset



Lights in the Dark

Acrylic on paper, 58 x 59 cm, 2009



Townscape Dreaming

Oil on canvas, 75 x 51 cm, 2009



Lít-Up Town

Acrylic on paper, 37 x 27 cm, 2010



Night Watch

Acrylic on canvas, 30 x 30 cm, 2007

No great artist ever sees things as they really are, if he did he would cease to be an artist.

(Oscar Wilde)

The longer you look at an object, the more abstract it becomes, and, ironically, the more real. (Lucian Freud)







Círcles



Intersecting Circles



Compass



Outlook



Plain Speaking



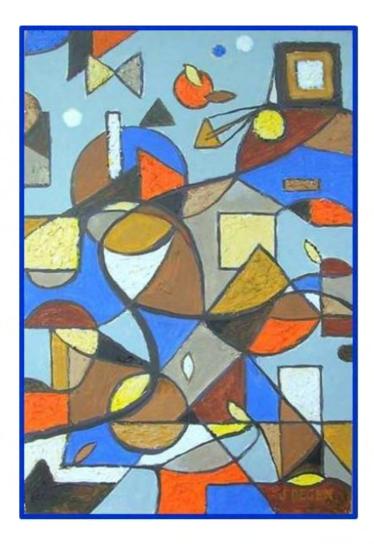
Accents



Assembly



Earthly Improvisation

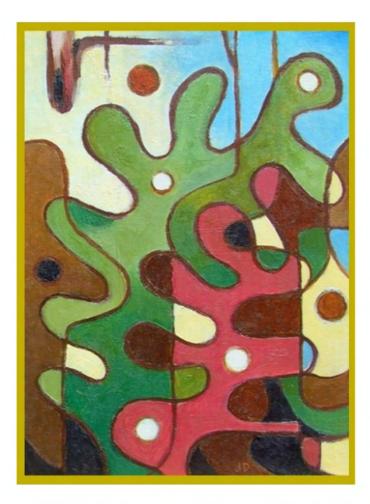


Flying Objects Acrylic on board, 46 x 31 cm, 2011



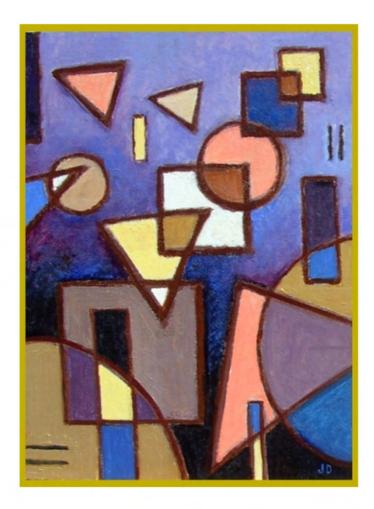
Into Space

Acrylic on paper, 29 x 36 cm, 2009



Night and Day 1

Oil on board, 61 x 41 cm, 2009



Night and Day 2

Oil on board, 61 x 41 cm, 2009



Nocturnalia

Collage, 48 x 61 cm, 2009



History Unknown

Acrylic on board, 58 x 44 cm, 2009



Four Hearts

Acrylic on paper, 37 x 27 cm, 2009



Geometry

Acrylic on paper, 38 x 27 cm, 2009



Linkage

Acrylic on board, 45 x 30 cm, 2011



Shapes

Acrylic on canvas, 40 x 30 cm, 2011

Anyone can make the simple complicated. Creativity is making the complicated simple. (Charles Mingus)

The most important element in a picture cannot be defined.

(Pierre-Auguste Renoir)







Ornamental

Acrylic on paper, 37 x 27 cm, 2009



Impromtu

Oil on canvas, 51 x 41 cm, 2009



Talisman

Acrylic on paper, 27 x 27 cm, 2007



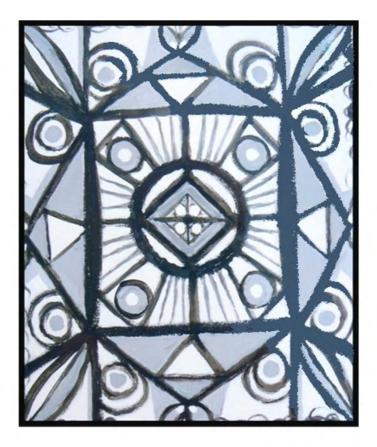
Oriental

Acrylic on paper, 27 x 27 cm, 2005



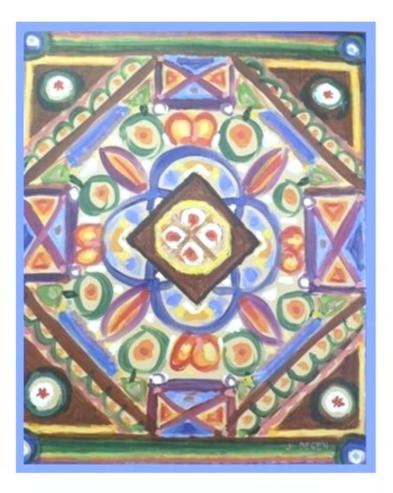
Curtaín

Acrylic on paper, 28 x 28 cm, 2007



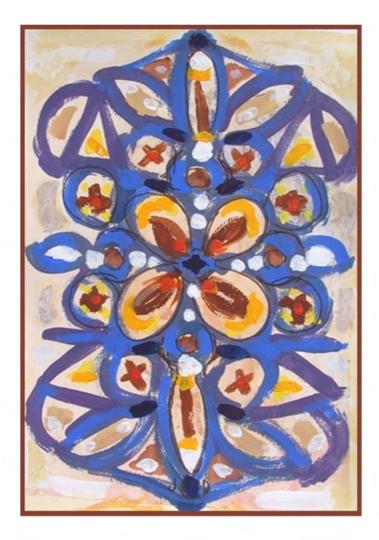
Decoratively Speaking

Acrylic on canvas, 60 x 50 cm, 2005



Alla Rustica

Acrylic and pastel on paper, 38 x 27 cm, 2004



Lantern

Acrylic on paper, 30 x 24 cm, 2008



Observation

Mixed media on paper, 27 x 38 cm, 2009



Light Baroque

Gouache on carton, 37 x 32 cm, 2009



Stained Glass

Acrylic on paper, 26 x 38 cm, 2009



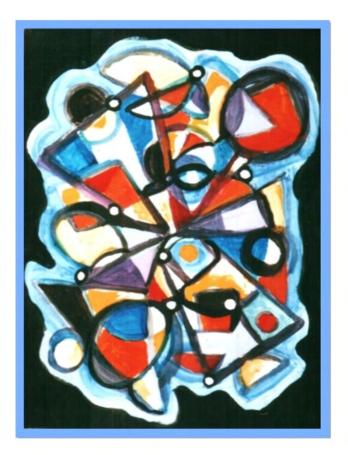
Ornaments

Acrylic on paper, 27 x 37 cm, 2005



Untitled 1

Acrylic on paper, 36 x 28 cm, 1997



Untitled 2

Acrylic on paper, 40 x 30 cm, 1997

Just as a candle cannot burn without fire, men cannot live without a spiritual life. (The Buddha)

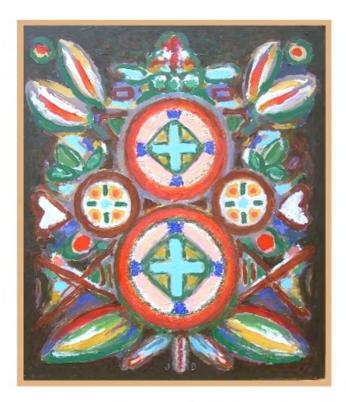
Every painting is a voyage into a sacred harbour.

(Giotto di Bondone)



Spírítualíty





Christian Memories

Oil on board, 60 x 50 cm, 2009



Awakening

Acrylic on board, 54 x 41 cm, 2008



Basílíca

Acrylic on paper, 28 x 28 cm, 2007



Basílica Dome

Acrylic on paper, 28 x 28 cm, 2005



Byzantíum

Acrylic on paper, 27 x 27 cm, 2006



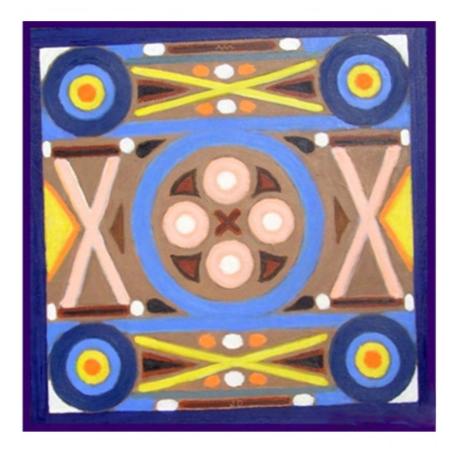
Peace

Acrylic on paper, 28 x 28 cm, 2007



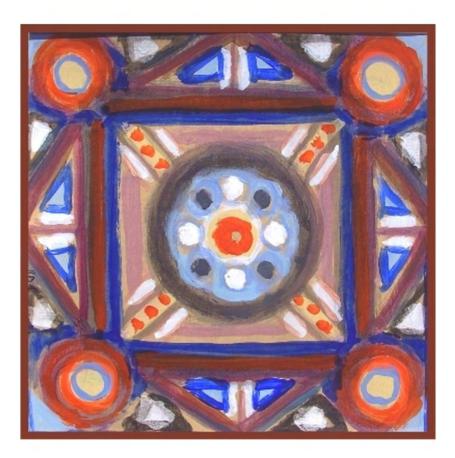
Blue Cross

Acrylic on paper, 28 x 28 cm, 2010



Meditation

Acrylic on paper, 60 x 60 cm, 2007



Sílence

Acrylic on paper 28 x 28 cm, 2010



Clear Sight

Acrylic on paper, 27 x 27 cm, 2004



Memory

Acrylic on paper, 28 x 28 cm, 2007



Contemplation

Acrylic on paper 28 x 28 cm, 2010



Company

Acrylic on paper, 27 x 27 cm, 2007



Different Ways

Acrylic on paper, 27 x 27 cm, 2002



Message

Acrylic on board, 60 x 59 cm, 2010



View in the Dark

Acrylic on canvas, 61 x 76 cm, 2009



Mandala in Blue

Oíl on board, 50 x 45 cm, 1997



The Hope

Acrylic on paper, 32 x 28 cm, 2007



Silent Celebration

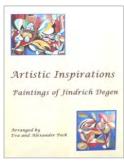
Acrylic on paper, 28 x 36 cm, 2009



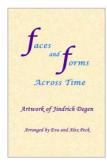
The Feast

Acrylic on board, 43.5 x 36 cm, 2009

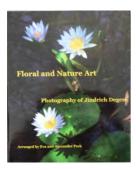
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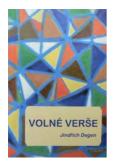
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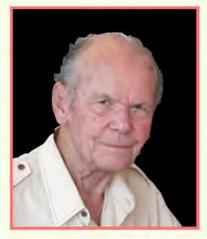
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Artwork of Jindrich Degen

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The title, *Colour and Contrast*, captures the hallmark of Jindrich's work - a harmony of colours and shapes, evoking optimism, freedom, and joy. His skilful blending of contrasting colour leaves feelings of light and hope in the heart.

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