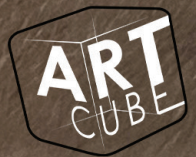




# FOREVER YOUNG

*Martin Maturan*

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In *Forever Young*, Martin Maturan unveils a new collection of oil on canvas works that deeply explore how important it is to heal the inner child. In this latest exhibition of recent works, the artist delves into the delicate process of revisiting formative experiences, acknowledging hidden wounds, and embracing the innocence and joy that once defined our youth.

Through his intricate brushwork and emotive palette, Maturan paints narratives that are as deeply personal as they are universal. The canvases teem with imagery that bridges the gap between reality and memory—playgrounds frozen in time, nostalgic objects imbued with symbolic meaning, and figures that appear to echo and merge with their surroundings with the addition of motion lines. By showing us this dreamlike and delicate world, Maturan seemingly invites us to be where healing begins, coaxing us to confront vulnerability while rediscovering untainted wonder.

The artist employs warm, vibrant tones of burnt umbers and rich browns to evoke a sense of comfort and safety, juxtaposed with subtle shadows that hint at the struggles of growing up. The recurring motifs of toys, carnival rides, and open skies act as symbols of freedom, play, and pauses in time, specifically meant for leisure, now certainly hard to find. However, beneath these idyllic surfaces lies an undercurrent of longing—an unspoken yearning to mend fractures and reconnect with the self.

Maturan's layers of paint overlap like memories, creating dynamic compositions that seem to oscillate between clarity and muddledness. Through his pieces, the artist skillfully uses this interplay to suggest the fragmented yet enduring nature of childhood recollections.

*Forever Young* encapsulates the exhibition's ethos: that within every individual resides a timeless essence untouched by the weight of years. By confronting the past and embracing the inner child, Maturan suggests, we unlock the potential for emotional and spiritual renewal. Through this deeply personal collection, the artist reminds us that nurturing the inner child is not just an act of healing, but a celebration of the enduring spirit that makes us whole, and we can hold onto it—forever.

-Kaye O'Yek





*Against the Current*

Oil on Canvas

36 x 72 Inches

2025



***Take a Break***

Oil on Canvas

24 x 48 Inches

2025



*Solace*

Oil on Canvas

24 x 48 Inches

2025





***Re-Connect***  
Oil on Canvas  
24 x 36 Inches  
2024



*Anchors Away*

Oil on Canvas

10 x 16 Inches

2025





***Woods Series 1***

Oil on Canvas

12 x 9 Inches

2025





***Woods Series 2***

Oil on Canvas

12 x 9 Inches

2025