



SKYBOUND

5TH SOLO EXHIBITION

MAC-J TURLA

JAN 11 - FEB 1 2025



In his fifth solo exhibition, *Skybound*, Mac-J Turla invites us into a world where daydreaming reigns supreme—a realm of unfettered imagination and creative exploration. Through a series of evocative works, Turla celebrates the gentle, unstructured moments that allow the mind to wander and ideas to take flight, particularly within the context of the artistic process.

In an era dominated by the relentless churn of social media, where every spare moment is filled with digital noise, *Skybound* serves as a reminder of the value of stillness and introspection. Some of the most profound ideas, after all, emerge not in the frenzy of activity but in the quiet intervals of boredom—when we sit back, relax, and let our thoughts meander freely.

At the heart of the exhibition is a recurring protagonist—a stand-in for the artist himself. This central figure, with wide, expressive eyes and occasionally equipped with robotic arms, is depicted as wholly engrossed in an interior world. Hovering above him are whimsical visual elements that dramatize the act of imagination: a flight of birds, a galloping horse as one would see on a racetrack, and a toy airplane in mid-soar. These motifs transform the mundane into the fantastical, echoing the unbridled creativity of childhood.

Turla's works harken back to simpler days, when children would doodle on the back pages of their notebooks, their minds unencumbered by the weight of adult responsibilities. The same spirit of uninhibited creativity pervades these paintings. Notably, each work bears a title corresponding to a specific hour—the moment when the artist's visions took shape—turning the series into a visual diary. These temporal anchors lend an intimate, almost confessional quality to the collection, grounding its flights of fancy in real-world moments of inspiration.

Without a rigid plan or predetermined outcome, Turla allows his images to emerge organically, embodying the metaphor of flight both literally and figuratively. The resulting works exude a sense of spontaneity and lightness, capturing the essence of childlike wonder. With its themes of freedom, aspiration, and serenity, *Skybound* is an ode to the creative spirit—a testament to the power of unstructured moments to awaken our deepest imaginings.

-Carlomar Arcangel Daoana



6:03 AM

Oil and Acrylic on Canvas and Sculptural Frame

62 x 51 Inches

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3:19 AM

Oil and Acrylic on Canvas and Sculptural Frame

49 x 44 Inches

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5:10 AM

Oil and Acrylic on Canvas and Sculptural Frame

49 x 44 Inches

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12:06 PM

Oil and Acrylic on Canvas and Sculptural Frame

33 x 29 Inches

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Oil and Acrylic on Canvas and Sculptural Frame

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Oil and Acrylic on Canvas and Sculptural Frame

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Oil and Acrylic on Canvas and Sculptural Frame

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