



A moment that continues

About the infinite universe by artist Rikke Darling

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Rikke Darling is an artist who uses her poetic power of creation, to identify and embrace the viewer. The viewer get trapped by the poetic qualities of the artworks, and lifted into a world of sensuality and liberalism. Her natural lyrical paintings are done with precision and thoughts that shape the expression sharply.

Rikke Darling, do what many wish to. She freezes the moment and simultaneously describes volatile moods and impressions. The delicate flower-like elements, the intangible - and almost dreamy. Rikke Darling strikes a fine balance between the static beauty and the constant movement. The motifs in the works are moving and spinning about their own axis in the same manner as life DNA, the thin chains and strings entwined in a double helix. The look is pulled in many directions - and the mind follows. Thoughts about the fragility of life, love and eternity.

There is no doubt that Rikke Darling has a fine sense of colour and their possibilities. The mix between the sharp, almost fluorescent colours and the fine, delicate almost transparent areas, provides a stunning contrast. Rikke's curiosity brings her into the study of painting and its span. Her motifs are energetic and exuberant. The painting comes easily out in the room, in the same way that the viewer can step into the picture. The meeting between

painting and viewers magic happens and the painting is lifted. Her treatment of light, which gives recognition from the Nordic light, is excellent.

In Rikke Darling's artistic universe there is a beginning but no end. There is nothing above, below or next to it. It's right there in front of you and up to you if you will

take and catch.

In the paintings you can experience the apparent infinity that you can have when you are in the midst of magnificent scenery. They are under continuous development, instead of immediately - with no obvious sensory or solution.

Rikke Darling's paintings are timeless and indestructible. A symphony of airiness, roses on velvet, sky light and beauty. It is "the moment that continues" where we at the same time receive the joy and romance, but also experience longing, loneliness and melancholy.

It's artistic and poetic consciousness at its best.

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