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Cover: *Untitled, 2009, oil on canvas, 100 x 150 cm*



After years of an artistic engagement with domestic and local themes, Anat betzer is now painting fields of snow, deep dark forests, huge tree trunks, wooden huts, all objects of her soul's desire.

In this type of painting the forest becomes a detailed icon, elaborately explored and drawn in various kinds of light, where each and every leaf is being examined.

Alienation is pronounced on several levels; in shedding off local iconography, in distancing oneself from the domestic/local context and even when dealing specifically with life's end.

Snowy wilderness, unpopulated frosted nothingness, the open space of the depicted landscape, the squares, all these actually produce a kind of death. In paintings of high realism there is principle at work which is similar to the one that exists in abstract paintings, that is the large gap between the very act of painting as a message of life, vitality and creativity vs. the narrow, monotonic void presented on the canvas.

Paint layers which drip, "dirt", and cover the surface of the canvas are hinting that this is not an innocent landscape, but rather one that hides, at least potentially, other, deeper archeological layers.

Just as the thematic level within the painting bars any possibility of evaluating the forest's dimensions, number of trees or their age, similarly, the method by which they are painted, produces a formula for potential eternity. Thus, a romantic, nostalgic sentiment evokes a discussion about futility, cessation, loneliness, alienation, and an ultimate realization of the void is revealed.

All paintings are oil on canvas.

Anat Betzer

B. 1965 Israel.

Winner of the Israeli Minister of Culture Prize for Fine Art 2008

Untitled, (Silvery Landscape) 2007, oil on canvas, 120 x 150 cm





Cave, 2007, oil on canvas, 60 x 80 cm



Cave, 2007, oil on canvas, 80 x 120 cm



Untitled, (Froggy Landscape) 2007, oil on canvas, 90 x 120 cm



Untitled, (Froggy Landscape) 2007, oil on canvas, 90 x 120 cm





Untitled, 2009, oil on canvas, 102 x 100 cm





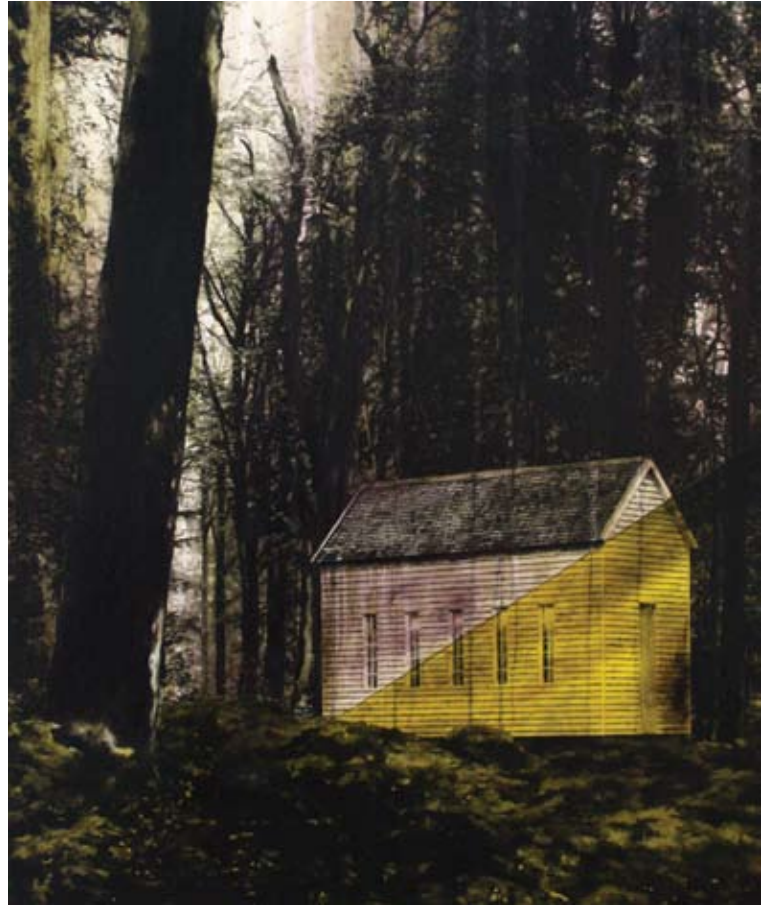
Untitled, 2009, oil on canvas, 28 x 51 cm

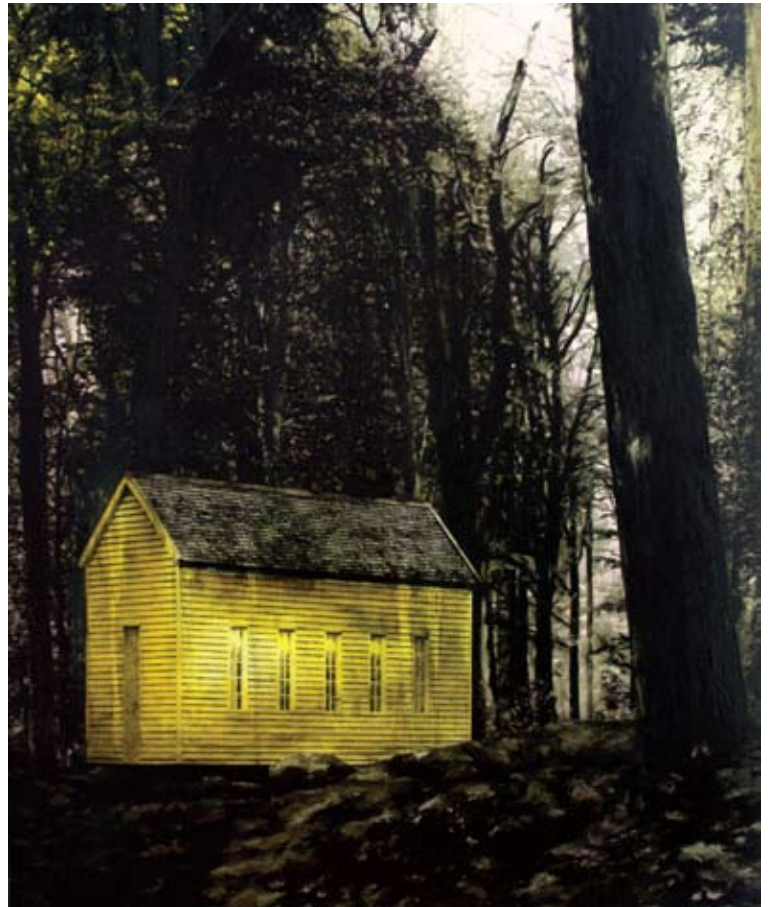


Untitled, 2009, oil on canvas, 106 x 140 cm



Untitled, 2009, oil on canvas, 101 x 80 cm

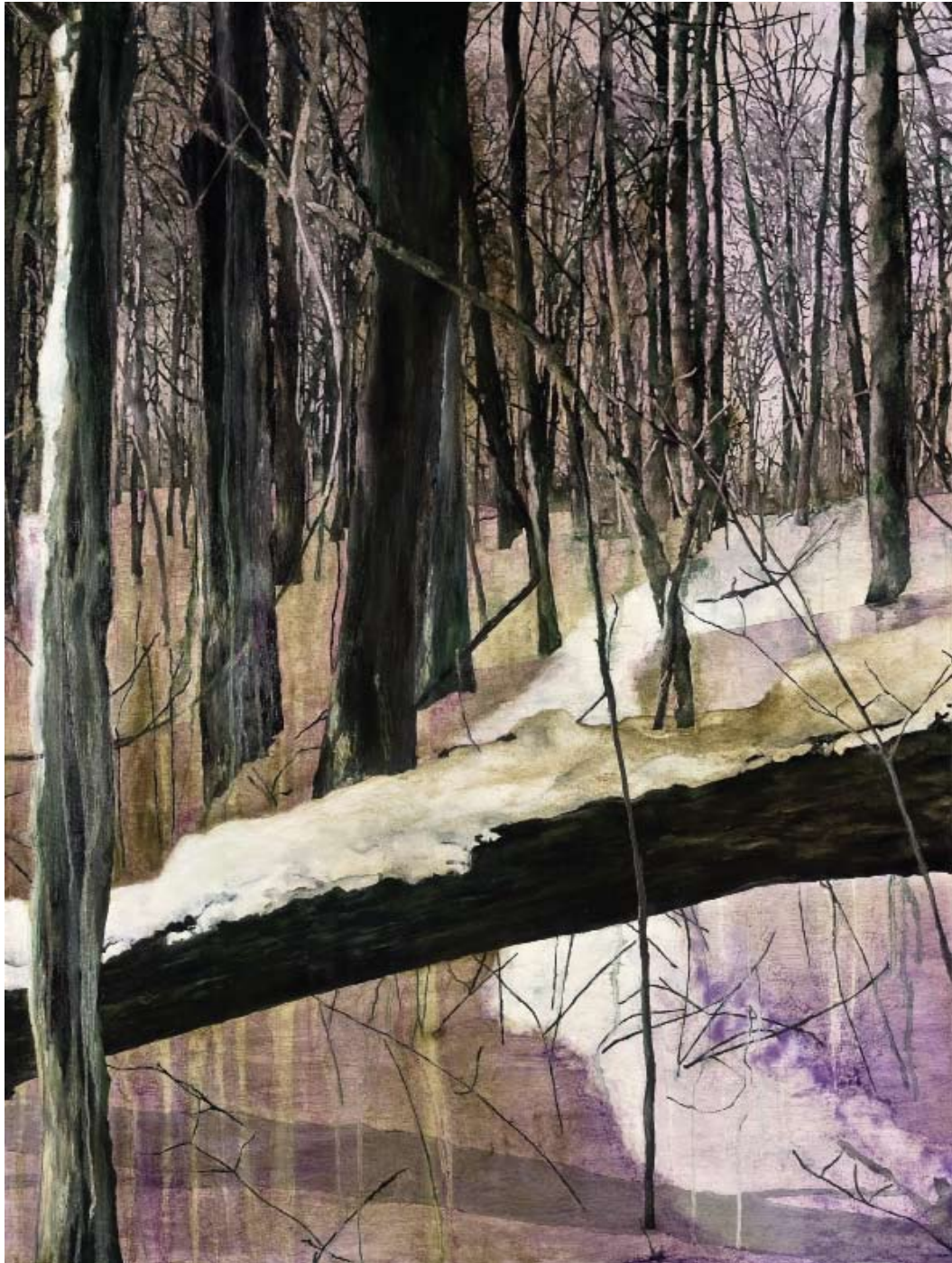




From "Wuthering Heights," 2007, oil on canvas, 122 x 100 cm



Untitled, 2008, oil on canvas, 120 x 90 cm



Untitled, 2008, oil on canvas, 120 x 90 cm



Untitled, 2009, oil on canvas, 95 x 140 cm



Untitled, 2009, oil on canvas, 95 x 140 cm



Untitled, 2009, oil on canvas, 92 x 122 cm



Untitled (Purple-Green Tree) 2008, oil on canvas, 120 x 90 cm



Untitled, 2008, oil on canvas, 90 x 120 cm



Untitled, 2008, 75 x 100 cm





Untitled, 2009, oil on canvas, 38 x 50 cm



Untitled, 2009, oil on canvas, 140 x 95 cm



Untitled, 2009, oil on canvas, 140 x 95 cm



Untitled, 2009. oil on canvas, 180 x 180 cm



Untitled, 2009. oil on canvas, 180 x 180 cm

Anat Betzer

b. 1965

1986-1989: Fine Art Studies at "Midrasha" College
in Ramat-Hasharon

1989-1992: Lived and worked in London

1996-2008: Lecturer of Fine Art at The "Midrasha"
College in Beit-Bearl

1992-present: Lives and works in Tel-Aviv, Israel

Solo Exhibitions

- 2010 "Purple rain" Julie M. Gallery, Toronto
- 2009 "Purple rain" Julie M. Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2008 "Anat Betzer" Ermanno Tedeschi Gallery, Milan
- 2007 "Wuthering Heights" Julie M. Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2004 "Anat Betzer" Julie M. Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2003 "Three, Two, One" Herzliya Museum of Art.
- 2002 "Mountains Shadows" Tmuna Gallery, Tel-Aviv.
- 2001 "Paintings" Oranim College Art Gallery
- 2000 "Anana" Julie M. Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 1998 "With Love to Dad and Mom" Julie M. Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 1997 "David: It's True. Richter," Julie M. Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 1994 "One Woman Show" The Artists House, Jerusalem
- 1993 "Double Exhibition"
The Tel-Aviv Artists' Studios Gallery

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2009 "In and Out" Julie M. Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2009 "League 09" Amiad Center, Jaffa
- 2009 "Flakes" Kalisher Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2009 Minister of Culture, Science & Sport
Award Winners Exhibition, E'in-Harod Museum
- 2009 "Contemporary Israeli Art" Julie M. Gallery, Toronto
- 2009 "Constellation" Ermanno Tedeschi gallery, Rome
- 2008 "Don Quijote" Hakita gallery, Tel-aviv
- 2008 "Eventually We'll Die" Herzliya Museum of
Contemporary Art
- 2008 "law and order" Bachar Gallery, Jerusalem
- 2008 "Group" Julie M. Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2007 "Educated", "Hakita" Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2007 "Aagoniya", Sapir college Gallery, Sderot
- 2007 "Plato", Bezalel Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2007 "Women Relay Race", Haifa Museum of Art
- 2007 "From Raffi Lavie's House", Givon Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2007 "That Is Not Israeli Art" "Tmuna" Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2007 "Stain" "Sapir" College Art Gallery, Sderot
- 2007 "Bitterness" Alfred Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2006 "Vacation" Art Gallery at the Nadav Rosano
Memorial Cultural School, Rishon Le'Zion

- 2006 "Wedding" "Sapir" College Art Gallery, Sderot
- 2006 "Raffi's Collection" the E'in Harod Museum of Art
- 2006 "Fault" Julie M. Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2005 "Power" "Reading" Power Station, Tel-Aviv
- 2005 "Mighty as Death – Love" Minsahr Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2005 "Hookers" Ha'midrasha Gallery, Tel Aviv
- 2005 "League" Portal House, Tel-Aviv
- 2004 "What is that thing, turning homes nowadays to some-
thing so different, so wonderful?" Route 16 Tel-Aviv
- 2004 "Love is in The Air", Time for Art, Tel-Aviv
- 2004 "How do you explain Art to a dead rabbit?"
Kalisher Gallery, Tel-Aviv.
- 2003 "Side Effect" "Midrasha" Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2002 "Mediterranean Art" Catania Museum of
Contemporary Art, Italy.
- 2001 "Exhibition no. 1" - Pe'er Gallery, Tel-Aviv.
- 2001 "Yeladudes" – Hollon Art Museum.
- 2001 "Men At Home" – Kallisher Gallery, Tel-Aviv.
- 2001 "FlatLand" – Julie M. Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 2000 "Artistic Political Statement" – "Beit-Ha'am"
Tel-Aviv and Um-El-Fah'em Gallery.
- 2000 "Arye Aroch" - Pe'er Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 1999 "About Raffie", Julie M. Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 1998 "Good Boys, Bad Boys" The Israel Museum, Jerusalem
- 1998 "Texts in Israeli Art" O.R.S Collection
Nogga Theatre, Jaffa
- 1998 "After Allis in Wonderland" Julie M. Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 1997 "Sisters", The Tel-Aviv Cinematheque
- 1997 "Shalom Haver - Goodbye Friend"
Abu-Cabir Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 1997 "Women In The Real World"
The Limboos Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 1996 "Group Exhibition", Julie M. Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 1994 The Young Artists Award Exhibition
The Artists' House, Tel-Aviv
- 1994 "I Look Like..." The Tel-Aviv Museum
- 1994 "Meta-Sex", The E'in Harod Museum of Art
- 1993 "Wild Seeds" Mary Fouzi Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 1993 "It's Getting Cold" Mary Fouzi Gallery, Tel-Aviv
- 1992 "New Faces", The Artists' House, Tel-Aviv

Awards

- 1994 Young Artists Award
The Israeli Minister of Education & Culture
- 2008 Fine Art Award
The Minister of Culture, Science & Sport



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