



Fabian Perez

Born in 1967, Fabian grew up outside Buenos Aires in a turbulent world of political upheaval during the post-Peron military regime. Such a childhood could not fail to impact on every area of his life including his artistic ethos, especially when taken in conjunction with his unconventional upbringing.

At the age of 9 he became fascinated with the paintbrush, and using watercolors and tempera he painted portraits of his friends and family. His mother, Edua Herreria, a beautiful Brazilian woman, met his father, a handsome and charismatic ladies' man, Antonio Perez, in the late 1950's, in Campana, a small city outside Buenos Aires.

Edua was the creative force in Fabian's life and Antonio was the inspiration for his work. Fabian witnessed his father's unorthodox and often difficult life, portraying him in his paintings as "the cool guy" outside nightclubs and bordellos. Antonio owned a number of brothels and illegal nightclubs in Campana, and was frequently chased and closed down by the police. Nevertheless the young Fabian was constantly exposed to beautiful women who could seduce a man "simply by lighting a cigarette". Today we see these "ladies of the night" exquisitely portrayed in many of Fabian's paintings - memories of his youth and the nightlife he observed.

At the age of 16 Fabian was faced with the loss of his mother and 3 years later the loss of his father. The sadness and despair he experienced left him confused and searching for answers. In 1984 he had crossed paths with the greatest inspiration of his life - Sensei Oscar - who later became his teacher, master, close friend, and father figure. Heartbroken and alone, he therefore found strength and a degree of inner peace through the study of martial arts.

In 2001 two art publishers and gallery owners saw and fell in love with an exhibition of Fabian's work. They met Fabian two days later and they formed a partnership to promote, market and develop Fabian's career as a fine artist. The collaboration was an overwhelming success; every painting Fabian created was sold immediately and the demand for his work exploded.

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