



# MARTIN MÁLEK

art framed by my own vision



# VENTOR ASCENDENS

Acrylic on canvas

Year: 2025

Dimensions: 150x120 cm

- **Ascent and Spiritual Power:** A majestic figure of an angel in dynamic upward motion, symbolizing the victory of the spirit and the infinite desire for self-transcendence.
- **The Contrast of Lightness and Substance:** Detailed anatomical precision is balanced by ethereal white drapery, billowing in an imaginary wind, lending the composition both depth and movement.
- **The Golden Frame as a Portal:** A signature gilded frame vertically borders the scene on both sides, transforming the piece into a sacred object and heightening the overall sense of grandeur.







## The Path to Art as a Natural Evolution

- Academic Foundation: A 2009 graduate of the Secondary School of Glassmaking in Valašské Meziříčí; studies that established my technical and aesthetic foundations.
- I am an artist with a disciplined, self-developed visual language. My personal practice is built upon a foundation of rigorous drawing, meticulous attention to detail, and a uniquely evolved artistic style.
- A key element of my work is the integrated, textured frame. It is not merely a decoration but an inherent part of the canvas itself, providing depth and a luxurious character to the piece.
- I consciously work with the contrast of black and gold, drawing inspiration from the intensity of the Dark Baroque. My work restores attention to the male figure as a vessel of strength, aesthetics, and symbolic meaning—a direct response to its current marginalization in contemporary art.
- I do not strive for stylistic variability, but for its consistent mastery, so that each painting carries the unified character of my broader concept.







# FREEDOM

Acrylic on canvas

Year: 2025

Dimensions: 80X110 cm

- **Lightness and Movement:** A dynamic composition capturing a figure in a liberating flight, where the contrast between the human body and the flowing red fabric symbolizes untamed energy and inner freedom.
- **Dramatic Color Accent:** A striking red color dominates the darker background, drawing attention to the movement and infusing the entire work with a powerful emotional charge.
- **Harmony with the Frame:** The connection between the painting and the gilded frame underscores the elegance of the movement, transforming the artwork into a cohesive, luxurious object that stands out in both modern and classical interiors.







# CAESAR

Acrylic on canvas

Year: 2025

Dimensions: 100X80 cm

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- **Strength and Charisma:** A modern perspective on an ancient ruler, combining a precisely painted figure with a mysterious, almost dreamlike atmosphere in the background.
  - **The Play of Detail and Gold:** A contrast between the delicate texture of leopard skin, musculature, and golden reflections, which lend the painting a luxurious and radiant appearance.
  - **The Frame as Part of the Story:** My signature, a hand-decorated gilded frame that seamlessly connects to the painting, creating a single, indivisible whole.



# THE BLINDNESS OF GUILT

Acrylic on canvas

Year: 2025

Dimensions: 150X120 cm

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- **Reflecting on the Objectivity of Law:** A modern interpretation of Justitia, who, through her blindfold and royal crown, points out that justice in the hands of the powerful can sometimes be blind and easily influenced.
  - **Symbolism of Power and Balance:** A detailed depiction of scales in a woman's hand, contrasted with rich green robe and golden jewelry, emphasizes the tension between personal interest and the higher principle of truth.
  - **Integrity of the Artistic Object:** The deeply textured gilded frame encloses this solemn subject into a dignified whole, elevating the work into an iconic symbol that dominates any space.





# RHINOCEROS

Acrylic on canvas

Year: 2025

Dimensions: 80X100 cm



- **A Metaphor for Human Pleasure and Decay:** The motif of a rhinoceros drenched in chocolate points to the tragic fact that rare species are going extinct due to humanity's short-term pleasure and greed.
- **Contrast between Value and Indifference:** The radiant golden background, combined with the dripping sweet substance, symbolizes a world of luxury that often overlooks the fragility and price of the wilderness.
- **Artistic Appeal in a Signature Frame:** The robust gilded frame elevates this warning message to the level of a rare artifact, forcing the viewer to reflect on our relationship with the planet.



# HOPE

Acrylic on canvas

Year: 2025

Dimensions: 90x60 cm

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- **The Inner Child and Courage:** A view of a small figure in a dark space reminds us that within each of us remains a piece of the child who faces the fear of the unknown.
  - **Light as a Way Out:** An open door from which a radiance emerges symbolizes hope and new possibilities that open up for us the moment we find the strength to stop being afraid.
  - **The Frame as a Gateway to Safety:** The characteristic gilded frame vertically lines the sides of this intimate moment, enhancing the feeling that we are peering into the depths of the human soul.







# HEART

Acrylic on canvas

Year: 2025

Dimensions: 100x80 cm

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- **Passion and Inner Fire:** An expressive rendition of a human figure surrounded by dramatic red fabric, whose form resembles a heartbeat and unceasing life energy.
  - **Depth of Emotion Through Color:** Intense crimson in contrast with a dark, textured background gives the painting depth and underscores the emotional tension of the entire scene.
  - **The Gilded Frame as a Protective Shell:** A hand-crafted frame with a bold texture encloses the composition into a single whole, lending the work a hallmark of exclusivity and collector value.



# COMMISSION PRIVATE COLLECTION

Acrylic on canvas

Year: 2025

Dimensions: 150x120 cm

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- **The Intersection of Personal Story and Artistic Vision:** An example of commissioned work that transforms a client's specific wishes into a unique work of art while maintaining the artist's distinct signature style.
  - **Nobility in Canine Form:** A portrait of a bulldog conceived with the reverence and majesty usually reserved for historical monarchs, giving the family pet an immortal character.
  - **Symbolism of Royal Care:** A detailed crown and an ermine cloak against a deep red background underscore the exceptional status of the animal in its owner's life.







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