

FUNDAY

18x24 in, Oil on canvas.

Artist: Catalina Cao

This painting is inspired by a collage I created as an exploration of juxtaposition between visually or contextually contrasting matters. In my works, I usually incorporate surrealistic and grotesque elements, and sometimes humour as well. I played around and experimented with a wide range of objects and paints in the planning process, allowing the composition to develop intuitively while maintaining a delicate balance between opposing elements. By incorporating both vibrant and grayscale components, the piece captures the duality of emotions and states of being and the intricate interplay between chaos and tranquillity. The word "Funday" introduces an element of irony, juxtaposing the notion of carefree joy with the underlying complexity of the depicted scenes. This contrast creates a sense of dark humour, emphasizing the absurdity and unpredictability inherent in life. The abstract forms and textures in the work are deliberately ambiguous, allowing viewers to engage with the piece on a personal level and derive their own interpretations.



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