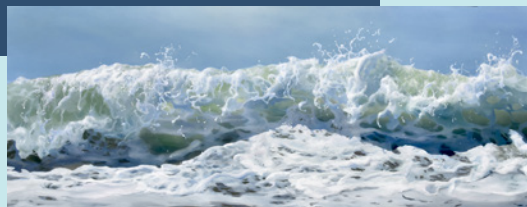
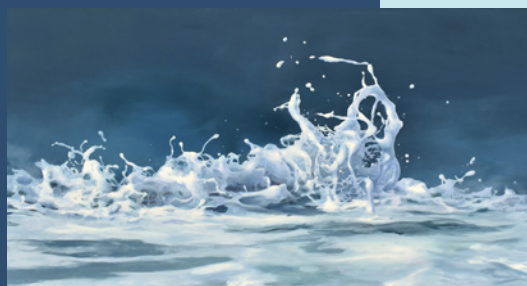




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From graffiti to the grandeur of the sea, Gelos Michailidis' artistic journey is one of continual metamorphosis. While he took his first creative steps as a graffiti artist, he later immersed himself in painting landscapes in the tradition of the old masters. Skies and water in particular continued to intrigue him deeply.



In recent years, he has focused his attention entirely on the sea. The rhythm of the waves, the structures of spraying foam and the interplay of light and transparency keep providing him with new compositions. After all, no two waves are the same.

These days, his greatest source of inspiration is the rugged beauty of the Dutch coast. The boundless space, constant interplay of colours, and changing light are the essence of his work. Gelos tries to capture the waves in all their glory, subtlety and layering using oil paint on wooden panels.

His daily walks on the beach are moments of stillness and inspiration. There, behind the dunes, he feels himself being drawn in by the sea again and again. He returns to his studio with hundreds of photos, but they never serve as literal examples. He does not seek to create a copy, but rather the ultimate wave, one that extends across the full width of the panel, lives, breathes depth and splashes off the canvas. As such, he invites the viewer not only to look at the sea, but to experience it intensely with all their senses.



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