

ART FOR ART CONSULTANTS // 2021

ARTIST & ILLUSTRATOR

MICHAEL FOSTER

BOOJAZZ.COM

(425) 495 0415

MICHAEL@BOOJAZZ.COM



# WHAT IS YOUR CREATIVE DRIVE AND WHAT DO YOU HOPE OTHERS WILL TAKE AWAY FROM YOUR ARTWORK?

"It starts with a complex emotion or concept, something that goes beyond words. The kinds of powerful yet inconsolable emotions you feel when you watch a David Lynch film or read a Haruki Murakami novel. We all carry complex and abstract emotions that we cobble together from various memories and pre-conceived analogies. That becomes the artistic narrative, then I can get to work.

From a more technical standpoint, there's a few artistic design elements that I frequently fall back on, usually a person or character surrounded by lively abstraction representing information overload. A decade ago, I was fascinated by technology and its overwhelming impact on society.

A lot of my work has text embedded into it, sometimes it is a report from the US Government on a significant event, other times it's biblical pages in another language (mostly Japanese), sometimes it's just advertising. Thematically I like the viewer to feel that all kinds of information is surrounding us, influencing us and nudging us even if we can't see it or realize it's happening."



*Part 1 - The foundation disintegrated* (2020) digital illustration // can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

202



*Better* (2020) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

*Come Back* (2020) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

 $202^{-1}$ 



You're Not Alone (2020) digital illustration // can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

*Spy* (2020) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

*Once* (2020) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio



*Gingerberry Breadbasket* (2021) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

> *I Think the Kids Are In Trouble...* (2021) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio



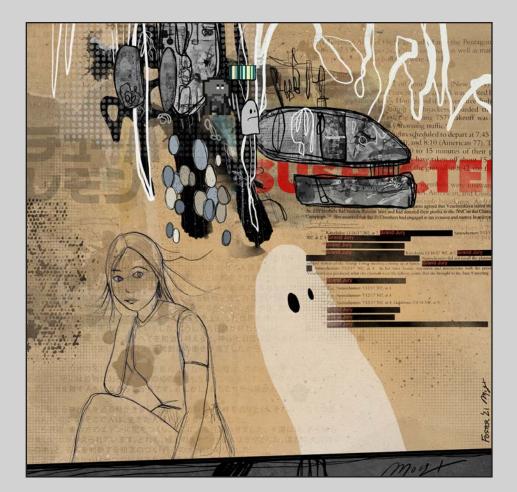
ART FOR ART CONSULTANTS

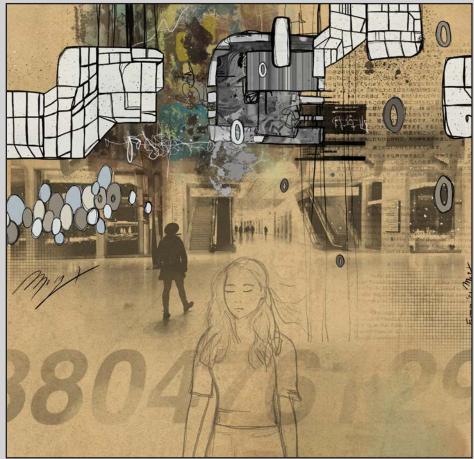


It's Not Over Yet ... (2021) digital illustration // can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

Learning to Live With My Undying Uncertainties (2021) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

*Switching On Offline* (2021) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio





ART FOR ART CONSULTANTS

2021



*Your True Past Lives* (2021) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

> And If You Complain Once More... (2021) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio



It Could Be Better (2021) digital illustration // can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

On the Cusp of an Unstoppable Downward Spiral (2021) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

> Just One More, Before Everything's Gone (2021) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

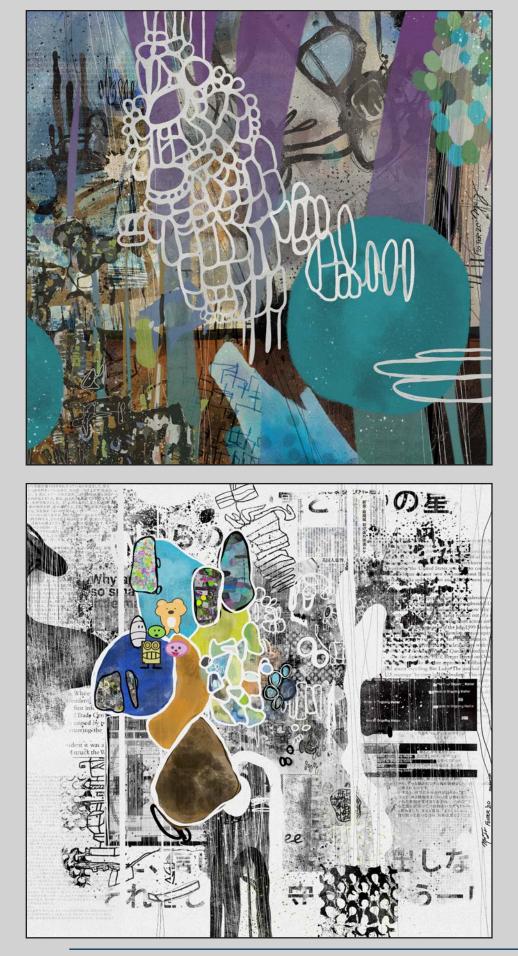




 $202^{-1}$ 

*Elements* (2020) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

*No Thanks* (2020) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio



*Gone* (2020) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

*Destiny* (2020) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

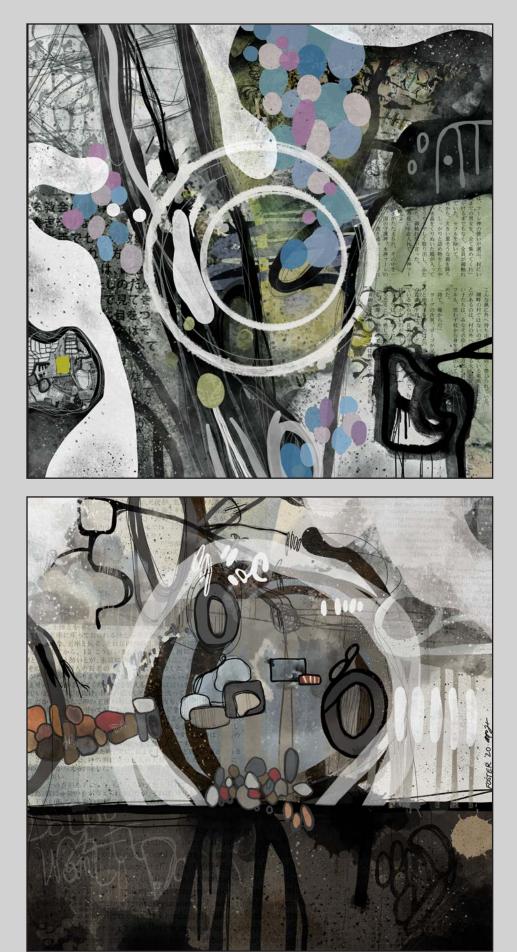




ARTIST & ILLUSTRATOR - MICHAEL WILLIAM FOSTER // BOOJAZZ.COM // (425) 495 0415

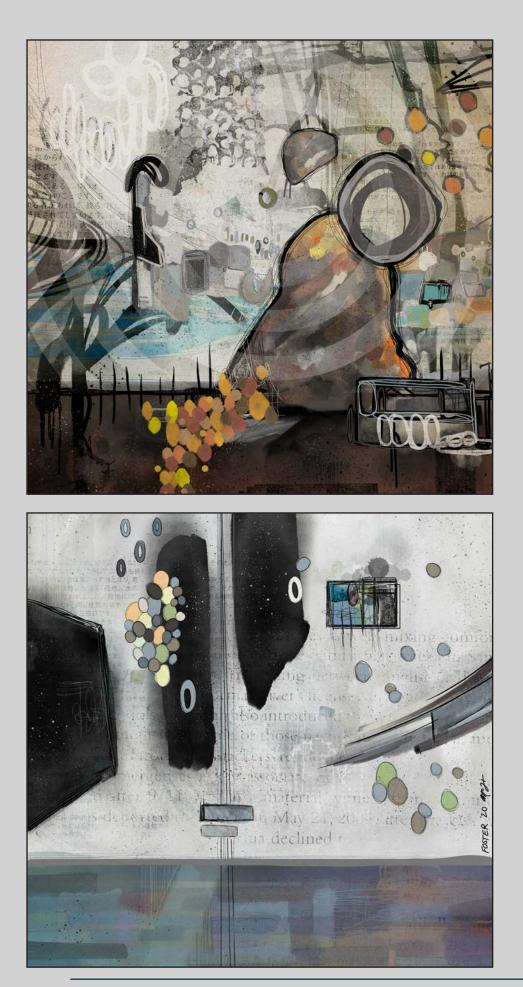
*Split* (2020) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

*Ready* (2020) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio



*Someday* (2020) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

*Boxed in* (2020) digital illustration can be printed at any size with a 1:1 ratio

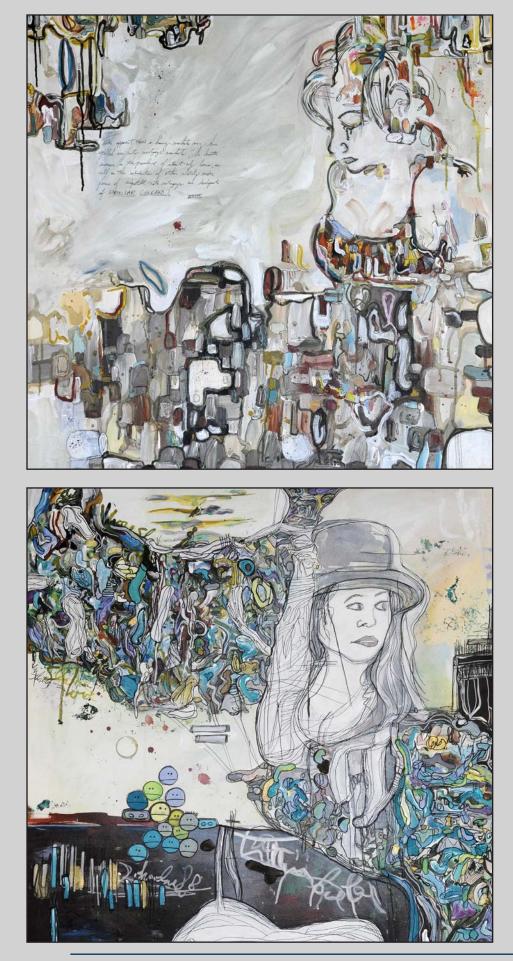


ART FOR ART CONSULTANTS

 $202^{-1}$ 

*Imminent Collapse* (2017) 36" x 36" acrylics, ink & mixed media on canvas \$2200

What's Keeping You Awake (2017) 36" x 36" acrylics, ink & mixed media on canvas PRINTS AVAILABLE



 $202^{-1}$ 



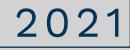


#### CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

*Casper: A Ghost Story* (2017) 18" x 24" acrylics, ink & mixed media on canvas SOLD (prints can be made available)

> *Closer* (2016) 18" x 24" acrylics, ink & mixed media on canvas \$950

> *Memories of You* (2016) 20" x 24" acrylics, ink & mixed media on canvas \$1200







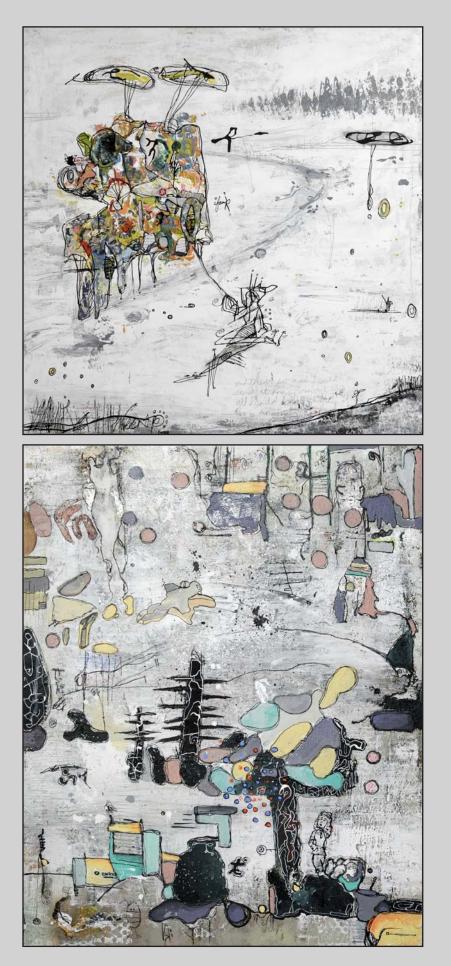
TOP: Popsicle Toes (2015) 36" x 24" acrylics, ink & mixed media on wood - \$1450 BOTTOM: Ricochet Cherub (2015) 28" x 22" acrylics, ink & mixed media on canvas - \$1050 ART FOR ART CONSULTANTS



TOP: Running Out of Time (2015) 48" x 36" acrylics, ink & mixed media on wood - SOLD BOTTOM: Just Another Failed State (2018) 48" x 36" acrylics, ink & mixed media on wood - SOLD

*I Feel Loved* (2010) 24" x 24" acrylics, ink & mixed media on wood \$1050

Still Waiting For Change (2012) 24" x 30" acrylics, ink & mixed media on canvas \$1200



ART FOR ART CONSULTANTS



*Linus* (2017) 28" x 22" acrylics, ink & mixed media on canvas \$950

*Broken* (2015) 18" x 24" acrylics, ink & mixed media on canvas SOLD (prints can be made available)







*Forsaken* 18" x 24" - acrylics, ink & mixed media on canvas // SOLD (prints can be made available)

#### NOTABLE EXHIBITIONS - GROUP AND SOLO

## 2020

"Retrospective" - Aria, Woodridge, IL

#### 2019

"12 x 12 10th Anniversary Show" – Elephant Room Gallery, Chicago, IL Featured Artist – Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, IL

#### 2018

"24 x 24" – Kindred, West Chicago, IL "Emotion and Matter" – 116 Gallery, St. Charles, IL

#### 2017

River Town Film Festival & Art Expo – Clinton, NJ "Inspire & Create" Hosted by Tree of Life – Aurora, IL Wirehouse Co Art Show Series #7: Struggle – Chicago, IL

#### 2015

Genesis Show – Chicago, IL 'BJAM' Collaboration Show – White Ripple Gallery, Indiana Schoenherr Gallery at the Wentz Concert Hall – Naperville, IL "Psychoterratica" – NYCH Gallery, Chicago, IL

#### 2014

"Blue November" – NYCH Gallery, Chicago, IL "Seven Deadly Sins" – Hermann Audrey Gallery, Chicago, IL

#### 2013

"Manipulations" – Side Street Studios, Elgin, IL "Relic" – Batavia Fine Arts Center, Batavia, IL

#### 2012

"3rd Anniversary Show" – Water Street Studios, Batavia, IL "Winter Show" – Water Street Studios, Batavia, IL Village Ballroom, Portland, OR

#### 2011

Phinney Art Series – Seattle, WA The Loft Gallery, Pioneer Square - Seattle, WA

#### 2010

Anniversary: Obmu – Edmonds, WA "This Modern Love" – Artisans on Taylor Gallery, Port Townsend, WA

#### 2009

Art FX Gallery, Fremont, Seattle, WA Kick It – Seattle, WA Open Art Studios – Seattle, WA

#### 2008

The Industry – Seattle, WA

#### 2007

The White Street Gallery – Frankfort, IL Anam Art Gallery (Featured Artist) – Naperville, IL

### ABOUT THE WORK

Painting for almost two decades, much of Michael's work involves coming to terms with the abundance of technology-driven information overload we casually experience in modern day society. He uses acrylics and india ink on canvas (or wood panels) to create a postmodern world that visually represents data in its raw form, existing within multiple theoretical dimensions of spacetime. The thematic visual focus rests on the intricacies of the direct and indirect interaction between the viewer and the abstraction of this data-driven internal conflict which forces us, as a society, towards rapid self-actualization.

Michael's current work starting in 2014 continues the visual analogy of civilization coping with Moore's Law through the lens of the subconscious. Distorted handwritten notes and encrypted keyword ciphers are interwoven throughout mysterious structures and various abstractions including comic illustrations and other non-specific futuristic forms. The result is a data-landscape of today's anxious subconscious mind, presenting how we remember life events and interpret the kinetic surfaces and essences of the environment and emotions that we are sometimes reluctantly embedded within.

ul enter,