

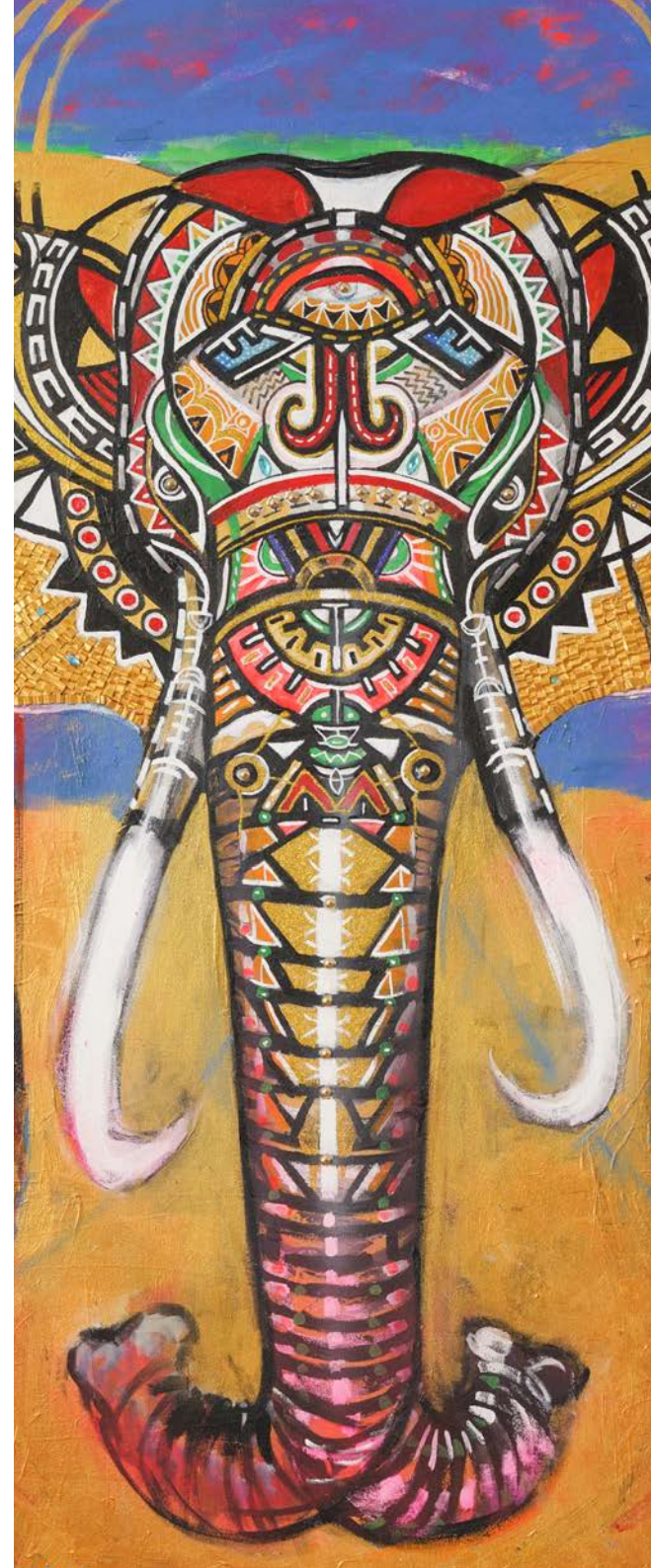


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### Kris Marko

Born in 1975 in France, Kris Marko began his artistic life as a comic strip artist under the pseudonym Dikeuss, while taking on a multitude of jobs to live and develop a certain social sensitivity.

After the end of this first checkered career and a short stint in Africa, he settled in Cambodia. There, after a few years of probably necessary wandering, he began a career as a painter. His art is characterized by collage and symbolism.

A dialectical art - Each painting is ambivalent and refers to a reflection on life/death, beauty/ugliness, eros/thanatos. By means of the collage of golden ornaments and decorative jewelry, he seeks to make the characters beautiful, but at the same time reveals their contradictions, their ugliness, sometimes their death instinct, sometimes their emancipation. Each painting is a psychoanalytic piece of the author's life, which his unconscious elaborates by placing personal symbolism (social, family emancipation, guilt, etc.)

Hailing from former Yugoslavia but grew up in French culture, Kris Marko works on what is hidden and on the persistence of buried memories, he is adept at poetry and surrealist automatic writing.



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