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Clovis Pareiko

"Art is the witness of our time and even the excess of our time."

Clovis Pareiko is a New York-based artist, born in Paris and graduated from the Fine Art School of Paris with a major in painting. Influenced by classic art but with a modern approach, Pareiko's current work uses a nearly monochromatic, using the complex layering techniques of the Flem- ish Primitives. He starts with arisaille and uses a succession of glazes to achieve colors that are unusually dense and deep. Focusing on parts of the human body, he chooses to represent areas of the body as a pretext to draw reliefs, shadows, and curves. Thus, becoming an abstract landscape. Exploring the ideal face, free of human affectation results in what the artist describes as "beauty as a side effect." Each painting entices the viewer with local color as an entry to a broader experience of vision. By using a monochromatic palette he isolates the chosen color as the only variable of the subject's beauty. He crystallizes the effect into the sub-jects of the painting, which are devoid of emotion, expression, or other external factors that might affect how we per-ceive it. Each painting shows an understanding of color and technical mastery aligned with an intuition that arrives at a pictorial harmony.

