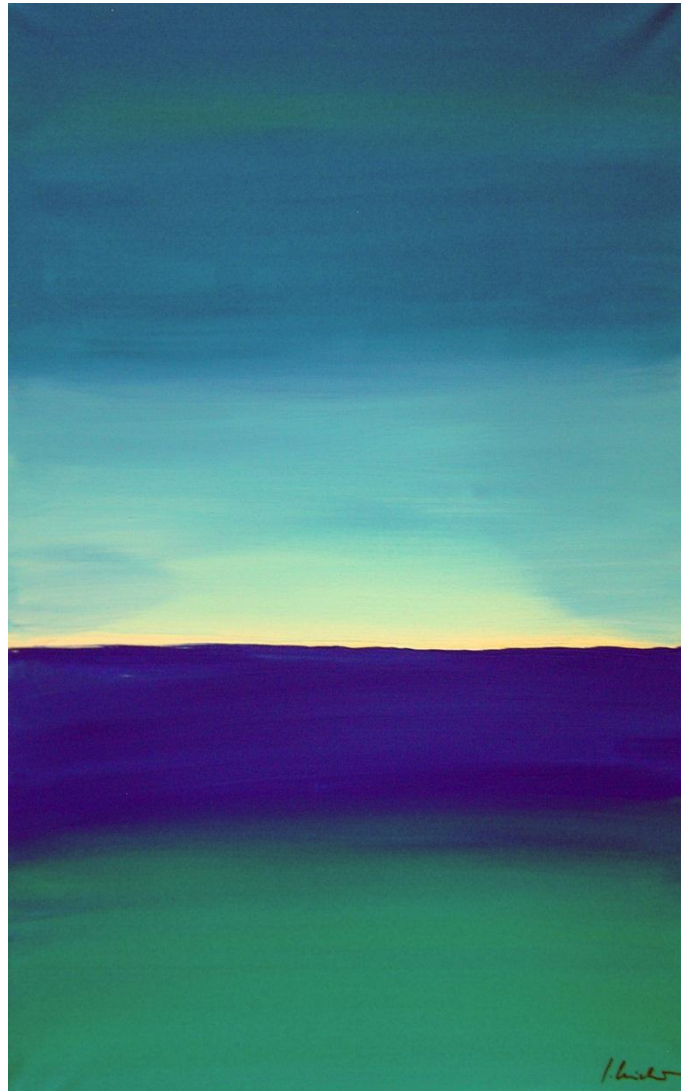


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BLEU MEDITERRANEE



Acrylic (50 x 80 cm) 2012

Blue, the colour of infinity is found in the blue of the sea and in the blue of the sky. But blue is not just blue, it consists of a wide range, from the powerful, this-worldly cyan to the mysterious azure. Inner calm and peace turns hereby into the longing for distant lands. It's like a tranquil music that gives inner peace and quiet, a soft melody moving inwards and sending the soul off to float in blue distant lands. On one hand it's the blue firmament that like a huge hemisphere watches over us, safely guarding us like a protective cloak, and on the other hand the endlessness of the ocean which hints with its deep azure at the scary abyss hiding under its smooth surface. It's the dialogue of the elements between the water, the primary element of life, and the air, the ethereal element. It's like the dividing line between substance and mind.

The many oceans and ocean basins differ a lot. Each ocean has got its own character, its own colours, its typical melodies of the wind and the waves and its characteristic moods. If one thinks of the sea as a deity, one is dealing with a very ambivalent personality which is sometimes a wild maniac churning up the black water with its trident and at other times it's a gentle child playing cheerfully with the small whiteblue waves. One imagines to hear in the breathing the melody of eternity, to sense the rhythm of infinity in the pulse beat.

The view from out of a pinewood grove onto the Mediterranean, out onto the crystal-clear flat evokes images in the memory, feelings of closeness and desertedness, but eventually contemplation and thoughts trail away into eternity. But a music always remains, the music of the sea, embracing all instruments, from the thundering organ to the soft breath of the flute....

'The Sea' by Claude Debussy contains the whole range of blue colours of the sea; in Sydney Bechet's 'BLEU MEDITERRANEE' we mainly find the radiant shades of blue which enchant the Mediterranean on a quiet summer's day.