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Charles Leblanc

Born in Valleyfield, Québec, with paintbrush in hand, - or almost: his father was a lettering artist – Charles Leblanc began painting at the age of 16.

After graduating in graphic design, he started his career in the ad business as a layout man and illustrator. Leblanc soon made a name for himself and set up his own graphic arts studio. Thirty years later, his expertise as an art director, which has often been rewarded by his peers, prompts him to unleash at last his lifelong passion for painting.



First painting made at the age of 16 (1971)

A self-taught painter, Leblanc puts on the canvas his love for life and all his favorite things that roam through his mind. Led by his emotions, the artist uses a joyful color palette from which, as he pleases, a figurative style can move to the abstract with equal bliss. Leblanc's generous and powerful strokes have become an unmistakable signature in the world of art.



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CHARLES LEBLANC OIL ON CANVAS





Le feu sacré de peindre (2010)

In 2010. after a lunch with his childhood friend Jacques Rousse, their talk motivates Leblanc to realize his dream, painting professionally. From that moment on, the rage for painting allowed him to abandon his computers for the brushes, oil paint and canvas.

This trigger of a passion, suppressed for too long, reveals to us an artist in full possession of his talents. The energy of the brushstroke, the bright colors and the graphic mastery of Charles Leblanc combine brilliantly throughout the themes he addresses in his works.





All my paintings tell two stories, mine and yours.





From urban scene to lavender fields, from irises to Japanese koi, from the cult of objects to celebrities portraits, from festive to contemplative, from figurative to abstraction, from fast pace life to zen moments, from humans to machines, Leblanc's series, question us about the past, present or future.













Machinoïd, men's energy transferred to machines



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Machinoid, one of Charles Leblanc's last series of paintings, undoubtedly constitutes the artist's most personal and stimulating work to date. Further exploring his long-standing fascination with cars and their internal mechanics - a subject he has previously ventured into with the Artomobilia series, the latest works signal a new direction, discovering new senses and new connections between his passion for engineering and human creativity. The result is a refreshing take on traditional abstract compositions, characterized by a dynamic color palette combined with a certain degree of minimalism.

This series reveals the intimate and co-dependent relationship between men and machines (of all kinds, dishwashers, lawn mowers, bicycles, etc.), who continually support and nourish each other. Inspired by these mechanical parts, often invisible and innocuous inside machines, Leblanc with "Machoda", for example, adds to this creature/part an organic shell demonstrating the energy of the human creation and labour.

Then, in "Machoro," this relationship is taken even further, fully capturing the struggle for survival and, by extension, the resilience of human nature.

The dynamic tension summarized by this painting, and this series as a whole, illustrates a glorious journey traveled by the artist. By contemplating Leblanc's paintings up close, sometimes even touching the physical textures of the brushstrokes, viewers also feel part of this emotional journey.

By experimenting with different art forms and subjects, Leblanc constantly questions and reinvents himself to create more daring compositions, while seeking to convey a universal truth: act despite fear.



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Machoda (40 x 60 in.)

VOLUME





Machirra (48 x 48 in.)









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Machea (Triptych 3 x 24 x 36 in.)









Machikole (24 x 36 in.)



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Machitah (Triptych 3 x 24 x 36 in.)















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Machieticlus (24 x 36 in.)

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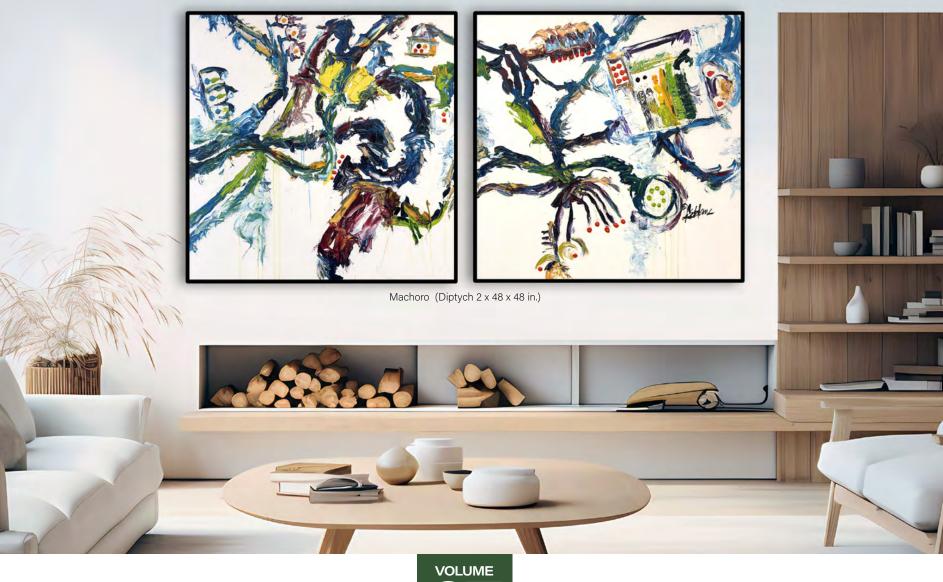
Machiole (Diptych 2 x 36 x 24 in.)

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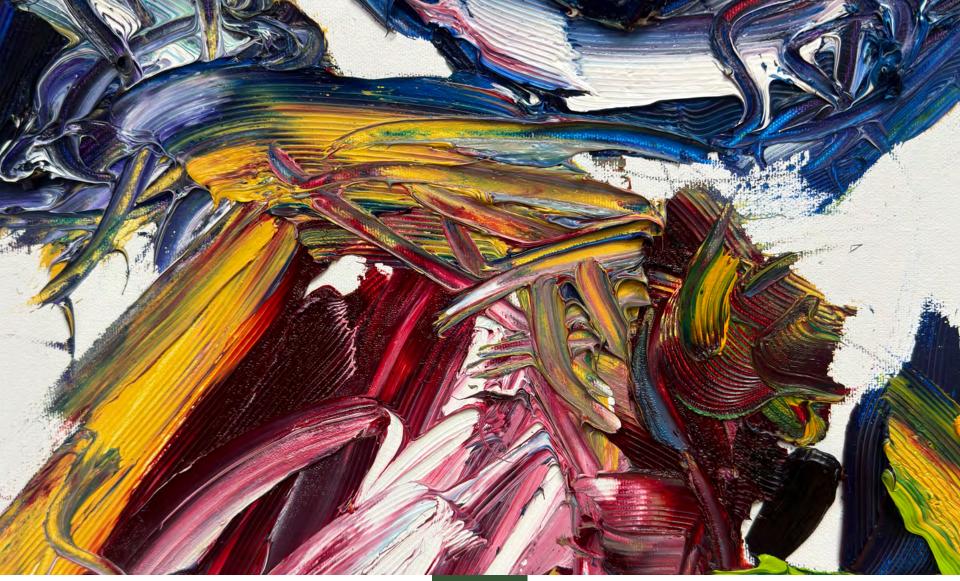








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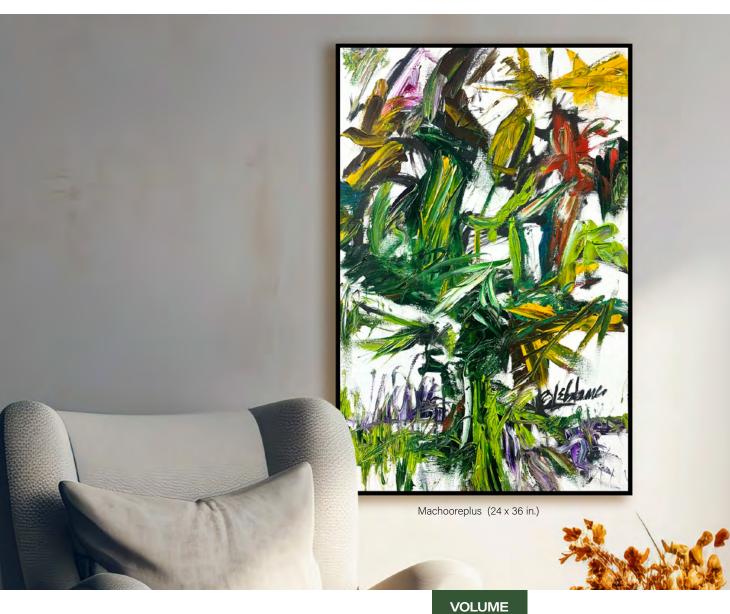


Machicono (24 x 36 in.)

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Machido (40 x 60 in.)



Machlude (40 x 60 in.)







Machiding (40 x 60 in.)



Macherale (40 x 60 in.)







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Machidavi (40 x 60 in.)



Machilure (40 x 60 in.)



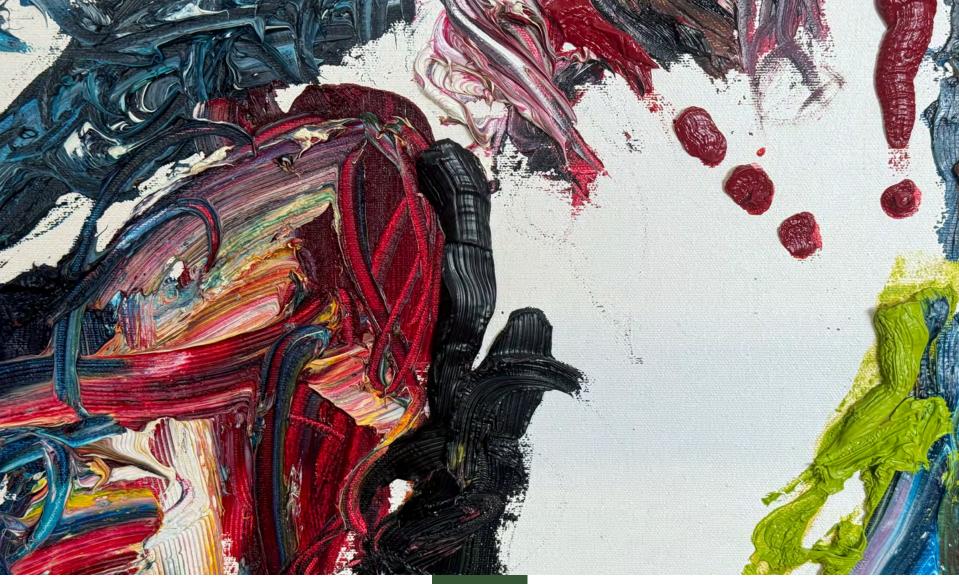








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Machinolo (36 x 48 in.)



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Machidagole (40 x 60 in.)

Macheral (40 x 60 in.)



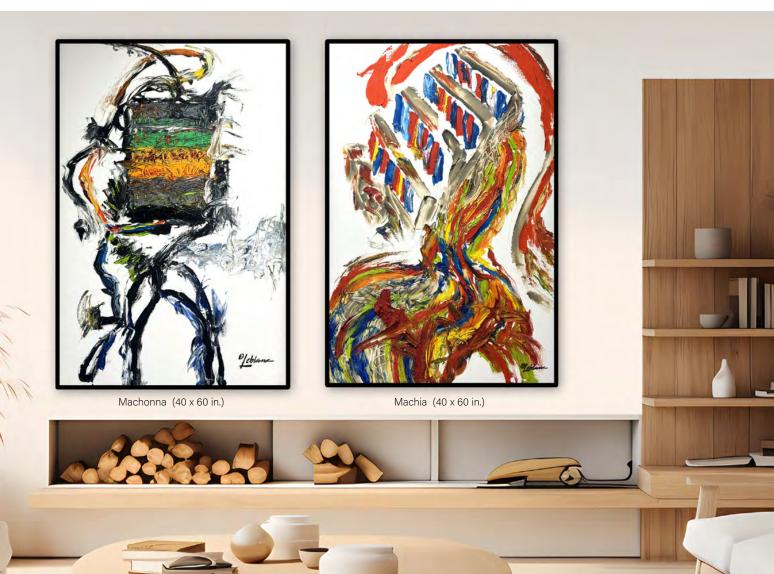
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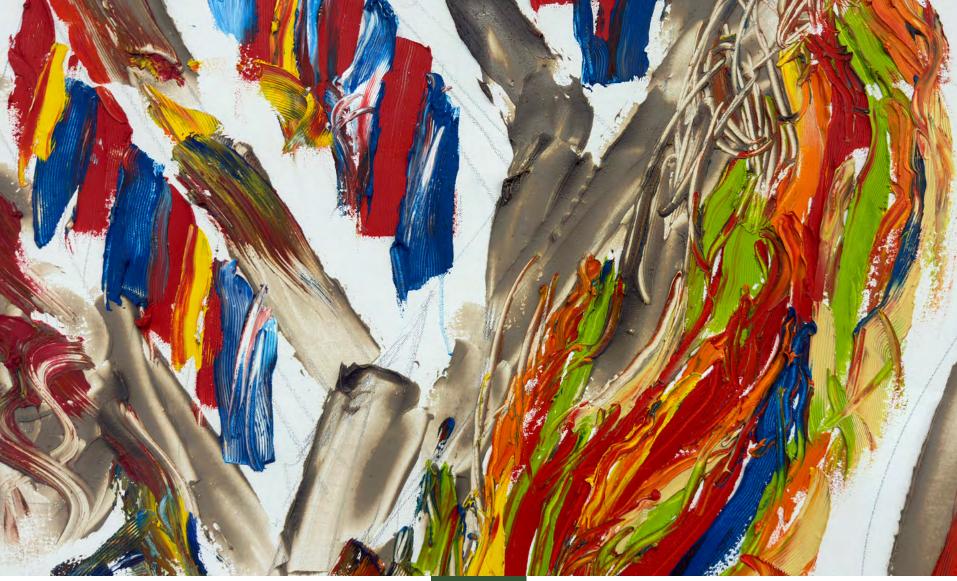












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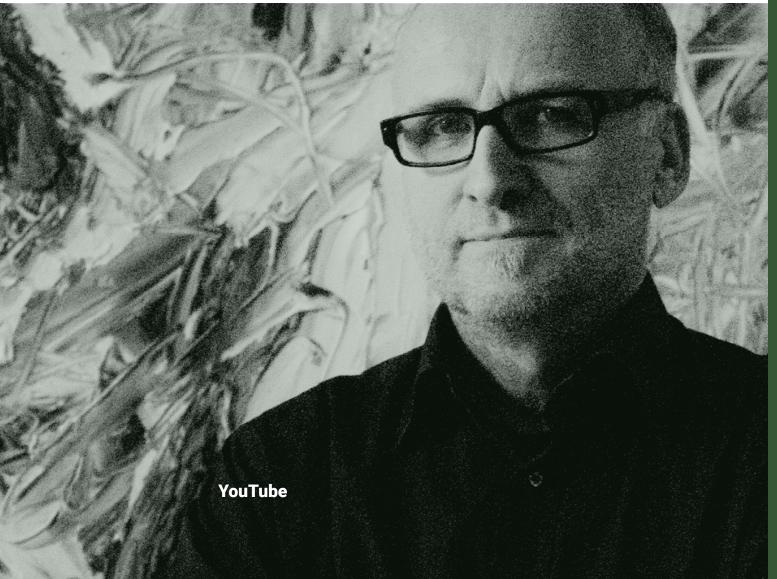
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2011 Solo Exhibition Archives nationales du Québec (Montréal)

2012 Solo Exhibition Galerie Nowhere (Montréal)

2012 Solo Exhibition Swatow Art Centre (Montréal)

2013 Solo Exhibition ArtExpo (New York)

2014 Solo Exhibition Spectrum (Miami)

2018 Solo Exhibition Galerie 5432 (Mile-End, Montréal)

2019

Solo Exhibition Galerie 5432 (Mile-End, Montréal)

2021

Group Exhibition, Festival des arts de Valleyfield (Salaberry-de-Valleyfield)

2022

Group Exhibition, Festival des arts de Valleyfield (Salaberry-de-Valleyfield)

2023

Solo Exhibition Édifice Laurier-Léger, (Les Coteaux, Qc)

2024

Solo Exhibition Édifice Laurier-Léger, (Les Coteaux, Qc)

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