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*TWELVE WORKS FROM*

SILENCE IN PARADISE

OLGA GALLERY  
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All works by Felix Harris, acrylic on canvas sheet, 2022-2023, dimensions h. 12 inches x w. 16 inches.

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*1. Clairvoyant*

*Clairvoyant* - see 'the worlds that were' in which I wrote 'Tarot Card Love' and so I had envisioned a mystical and magical aspect for this painting as well. 'Pink Cross' was the other working title which didn't fit as well.

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## *2. Donkey Skin*

*Donkey Skin* - a fantastic tale, a film directed by Jaques Demy, France 1970. What appealed about the film was the idea of transformation. Donning a costume in order to become something/someone else.

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### *3. Seize the Day*

*Seize the Day* - I dedicated this painting to my aunt Jane Paul who tragically died in 2018. She had told me to 'seize the day' at the time I was looking to buy a house. There is a kind of dream-like quality to this painting, a feeling of transcendence.

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#### *4. Painting Is the Lover*

*Painting Is the Lover* - In the catalogue *Marlene Dumas: Measuring Your own Grave*, page 161, I found this quote 'culture is the objecting fetishist, served by photographic imagery. Painting is the lover.'

It is about the painting of Marlene Dumas who I admire. Also there is a reference to 'a cure through love', in a book by Jonathan Lear.

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Editor's note: Jonathan Lear, a Professor of Philosophy and a practicing psychoanalyst wrote *Love and Its Place in Nature: A Philosophical Interpretation of Freudian Psychoanalysis* (Yale UP, 1999).

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*5. The Joke Is on the Sun*

*The Joke Is on the Sun* - A favourite poem by writer Charles Bukowski and a festive atmosphere.

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### *6. Silence in Paradise*

*Silence in Paradise* - A Colombian film directed by Colbert Garcia, 2011. This is a love story and there are three main protagonists, including Ronald, who, under false pretences, is lured into an untimely death by Susana.

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### *7. Rebirth*

*Rebirth* - the idea of a 'spiritual rebirth'. Again a kind of festive painting.

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*8. On the Ship*

*On the Ship* - I was thinking about people aboard the cruise ships and the painting 'the ship of fools' by Hieronymus Bosch.

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### *9. Tread Carefully*

*Tread Carefully* - an amusing painting of an assortment of insects, snakes and ladders.

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### 10. *The Go-Between*

*The Go-Between* – ‘The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there’. From a novel by L.P. Hartley [titled *The Go-Between*]. I found this quote while watching the Mexican film *Mariana, Mariana*, directed by Alberto Isaac, 1987, an adaptation of the novel.

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### 11. *Good Enough World*

*Good Enough World* – Jonathan Lear speaks of 'a good enough world' also good enough parents, etc., in *Love and its Place in Nature*.

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*12. Take Special Care*

*Take Special Care* - like 'tread carefully' an assortment of spiders, snakes and ladders.

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