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"THE DIFFERENT SOUND OF LINES"

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Dark Shadow, 2025



Tobby, 1998

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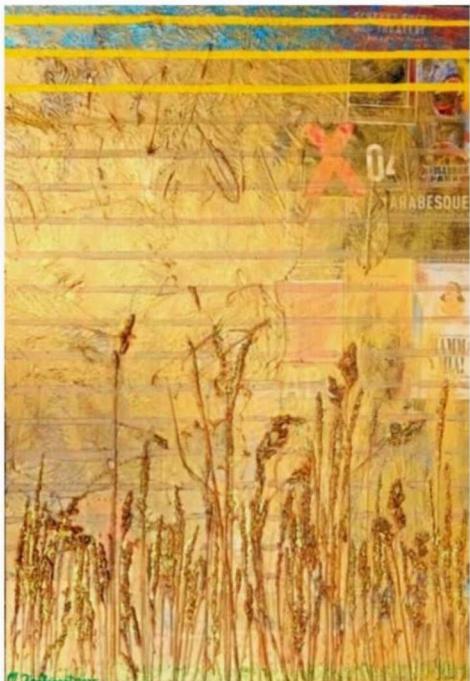
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Golden grass, 2025 / Mixed media on canvas / 100 x 70 cm

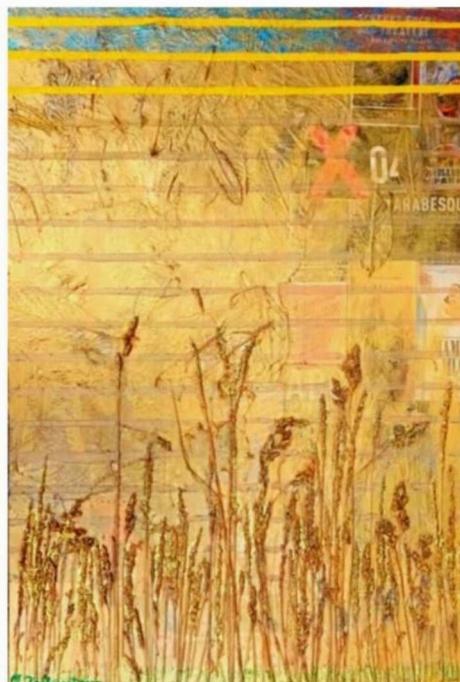


Funny nature, 2025 / Leaves, acrylic and glimmerpowder on canvas / 100 x 70 cm

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