

Mihalis Valens Heritage: A Legacy of Artistic Excellence



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A Master of Abstract Expressionism

Mihalis Valens was a pioneering artist whose work transcended the boundaries of conventional art forms. Born in Athens, Greece, in 1923, Valens' early experiences with the rich cultural and historical tapestry of his homeland left a profound impact on his artistic vision.

After studying at the Athens School of Fine Arts, Valens furthered his education in Paris, where he immersed himself in the vibrant artistic milieu of the post-war era. It was during this time that he encountered the works of the Abstract Expressionists, a movement that deeply resonated with his own artistic sensibilities.

Valens' unique style emerged as a synthesis of Abstract Expressionism's emphasis on spontaneity, gesture, and emotion, with his deep connection to Greek mythology, Byzantine art, and the Mediterranean landscape. His canvases exploded with vibrant colors and dynamic brushstrokes, evoking both the raw energy of the natural world and the ethereal qualities of his cultural heritage.

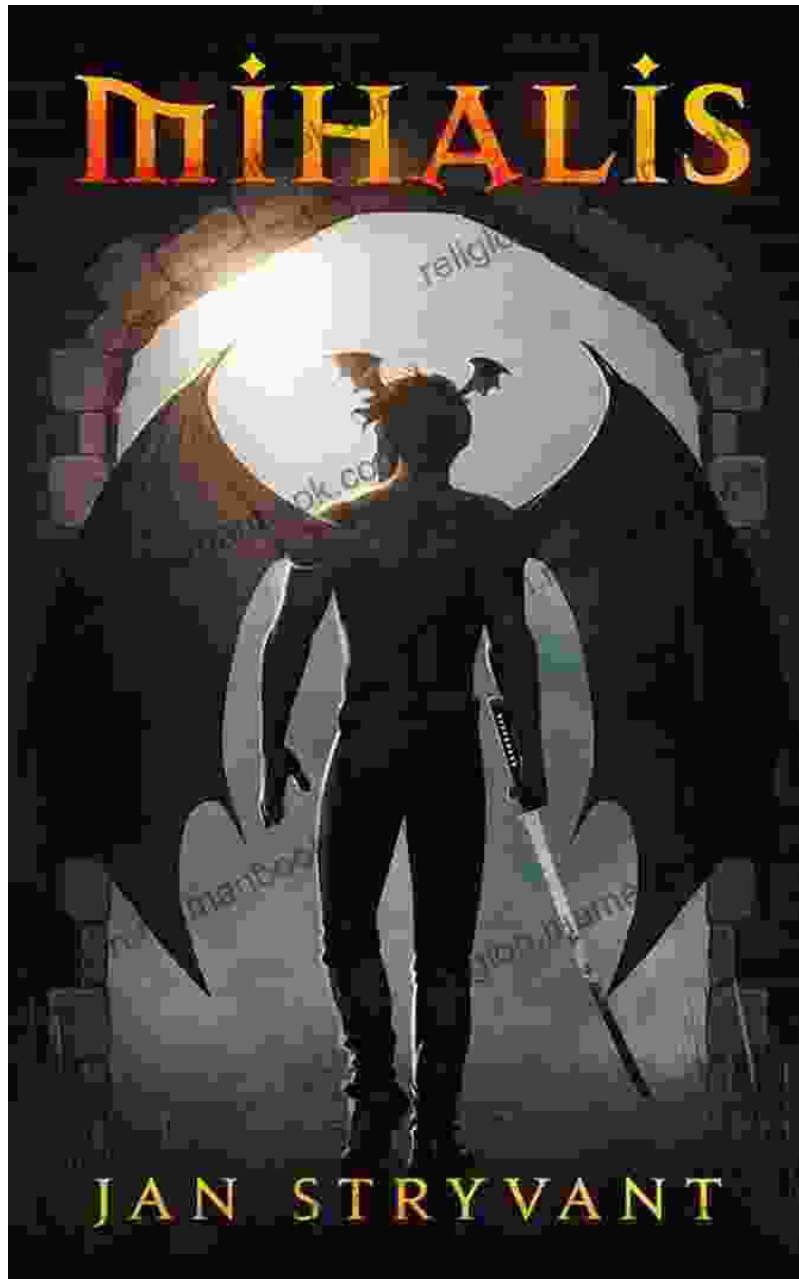
A Bridge Between East and West

As Valens' reputation grew, he became an influential figure in the international art scene, bridging the gap between the East and West. He exhibited his works in prestigious galleries and museums around the world, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Centre Pompidou in Paris.

Valens' art transcended national boundaries, resonating with audiences from diverse cultures. His work reflected his deep understanding of both the ancient traditions of his homeland and the avant-garde movements of the 20th century.

The Legacy of Jan Stryvant

In 1969, Mihalis Valens and his wife, Jan Stryvant, a renowned gallerist and art collector, established the Jan Stryvant Foundation. The foundation's mission was to promote the legacy of Valens' work and to support emerging artists.



Stryvant dedicated her life to preserving and promoting Valens' artistic legacy. She organized numerous exhibitions, published books and catalogues, and worked tirelessly to ensure that Valens' work would continue to be appreciated and celebrated.

The Jan Stryvant Foundation continues to play a vital role in the contemporary art world, providing grants and residencies to artists,

organizing exhibitions, and promoting the work of emerging talent.

A Timeless Legacy

Mihalis Valens passed away in 2012, but his legacy lives on through his timeless works of art and the enduring impact of his unique artistic vision. His work continues to inspire and challenge audiences around the world, reminding us of the power of art to transcend boundaries and connect us to our shared human experiences.

The heritage of Mihalis Valens is a testament to the enduring power of creativity and the transformative nature of art. His unique style, rooted in both tradition and innovation, has left an indelible mark on the art world, bridging cultures and generations through the universal language of artistic expression.



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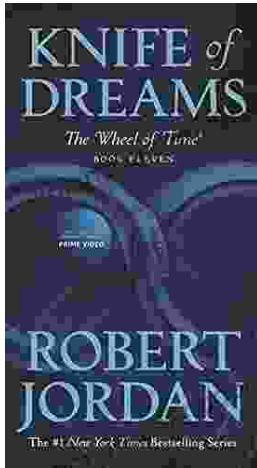
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