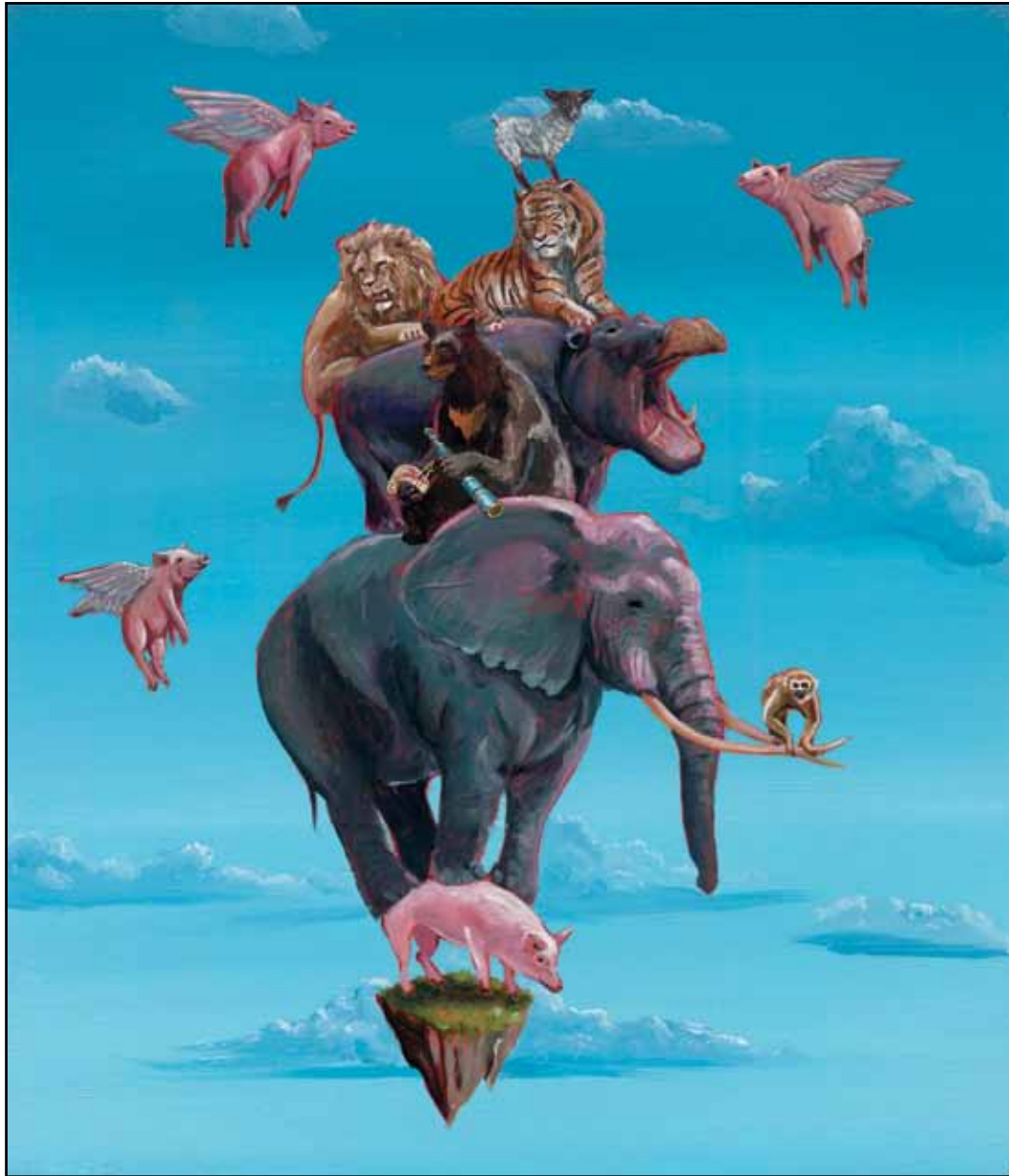


# MICHAEL SUMMERS



Mixed Media on Canvas

50 S.N.

16" x 20"

## SEEKING BALANCE

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by Michael Summers

In today's busy world, we juggle personal and professional duties, meet deadlines and expectations, and live amidst a zoo of responsibilities. When one is so preoccupied with the pandemonium of the day-to-day, it becomes easy to lose sight of the end goal. However, everyone encounters one day when they suddenly look around to realize that everything has fallen into place.

Michael Summers's *Seeking Balance* captures that particular moment of realization. Summers's "American Surrealism" conveys real human emotions and experiences with humor and playful imagery. Precariously stacked one atop the other, Summers's animals venture forth into the great blue unknown. The bear, perched stoically at the center, plots the course. The courageous lion reigns fierce, yet protective. The monkey rides with ease, adventurous and playful. Each creature reveals the character traits that make the journey an adventure. Floating weightlessly in this miraculous state, these explorers discover with wonder and vivacity a time when pigs do fly, when the impossible becomes possible.

It is a true thing of beauty to see the world working in perfect symmetry, to observe the balance and perfection created out of chaos. As a professional artist, Michael Summers knows that simply creating beautiful paintings is not enough to achieve it. Like the lions and tigers and bears (oh my!) of *Seeking Balance*, the members of an eclectic support system of friends, family, and colleagues all have a part to play.

*Seeking Balance* reminds us why we strive to achieve greatness: to know that when the undeniable talent and dedicated spirit combine, it is possible to attain and appreciate success.