

**MICHAEL RYAN**

(1949- )

Michael J. Ryan was born in 1949 in Philadelphia. In 1975, he entered a recovery program for alcoholism and was diagnosed as manic-depressive. Determined not to succumb to addiction and mood swings, he embarked upon a self-imposed campaign to counsel homeless alcoholics.

In his work, Ryan depicts his darkest feelings and experiences; some are apocalyptic, while others refer directly to his life on the streets.

## MICHAEL RYAN

### DATES

1949 Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### EDUCATION

1969 Santa Fe College, Santa Fe, New Mexico

1969-1972 La Salle College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2005 *Michael Ryan*, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, New York

2003 Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, New York

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2000 Lo Spazio Gallery, New York, New York

1999 Amarin Café, Brooklyn, New York

1996 *An Inner Journey*, Noyes Museum, Oceanville, New Jersey [catalogue]

1995 Teahouse Gallery, The Open Center, New York, New York

### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2009 *In Through the Out Door*, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, New York

2007 *Orpheus in Search of Darkness*, PS 1 / MoMA, Long Island City, New York  
Brussels 25<sup>th</sup> Contemporary Art Fair, Brussels, Belgium  
*Witness*, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, New York  
Outsider Art Fair, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, New York

2006 Bridge Art Fair, Andrew Edlin Gallery, Miami, Florida  
5 Year Anniversary Group Show, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, New York

2005 Scope New York Art Fair, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, New York

2004 Scope Miami Art Fair, Andrew Edlin Gallery, Miami Beach, Florida

2003 *On the Outskirts*, Andrew Edlin Gallery, Miami Beach, Florida  
Booth 529, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, New York

2002 *W, X, Y, Z of Outsider Art*, Edlin Fine Art, New York, New York

2001 Seton Hall University Law School, New Jersey

1998 *Selections from the Permanent Collection*, Noyes Museum, Oceanville, New Jersey

1994 *Petty Schemes and Grand Designs*, 319 Grand Street Gallery, New York, New York

# Andrew Edlin GALLERY

1993 City Without Walls Gallery, Newark, New Jersey

## **BOOKS AND CATALOGUES**

2005 Jenifer P. Borum, (essay), *Michael Ryan*. New York: Andrew Edlin Gallery, 2005.

1996 Exhibition Catalogue. *An Inner Journey, Paintings by Michael J. Ryan*. Oceanville, New Jersey: Noyes Museum, 1996.

## **ARTICLES**

2005 Ken Johnson, "Michael Ryan," *The New York Times* (May 6, 2005)  
R.C. Baker, "Michael Ryan," *The Village Voice* (April 19, 2005)

1993 Vivian Raynor, "What New Gallery Members are Doing," *The New York Times* (September 19, 1993)

## **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

Noyes Museum, Oceanville, New Jersey