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MONARCH



When Michal Karcz looks through the viewfinder of his Canon 70D he sees not only the scene in front of him, but a version enhanced by his imagination, that he can create with the help of composites and effects in editing software. He explains: "Digital photography and software have given me the opportunity to general new visions that were impossible with ordinary darkroom techniques. They're an escape from reality." Michal's style is inspired by an early interest in painting, and his use of composition, colouring, saturation, expression and scenery comes

masters of the art world: John Martin, Zdzislaw Beksiński and Caspar David Friedrich. His images, or 'projects' as he calls them, can often take a long period of time to complete - waiting for the different parts of the composite scene to come together with colour, shadows and light for a natural-looking effect, but with big impact: "I always try to make extraordinary pictures, and my goal is to make the view stop and stare for a minute, swept away from reality." These images are entitled Monarch (main), (clockwise from top left) Plateau, Wandering Saint, Gateway and Spiritual Archives.

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