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In the painterly world of Michael Schultheis, there is an inherent link between Abstract Expressionism and ancient Greek geometry. The path that Schultheis explores leads to a unique space where art and math meet; a place that examines and links both classical and contemporary concepts.

Using a conceptual and visual language, Schultheis renders his ideas in layers of acrylic paint, utilizing math from antiquity to explore geometric models of the emotional and physical world. Through his process we are prompted to think about the world in a different way and appreciate the interconnectedness of everything within the experience of life.

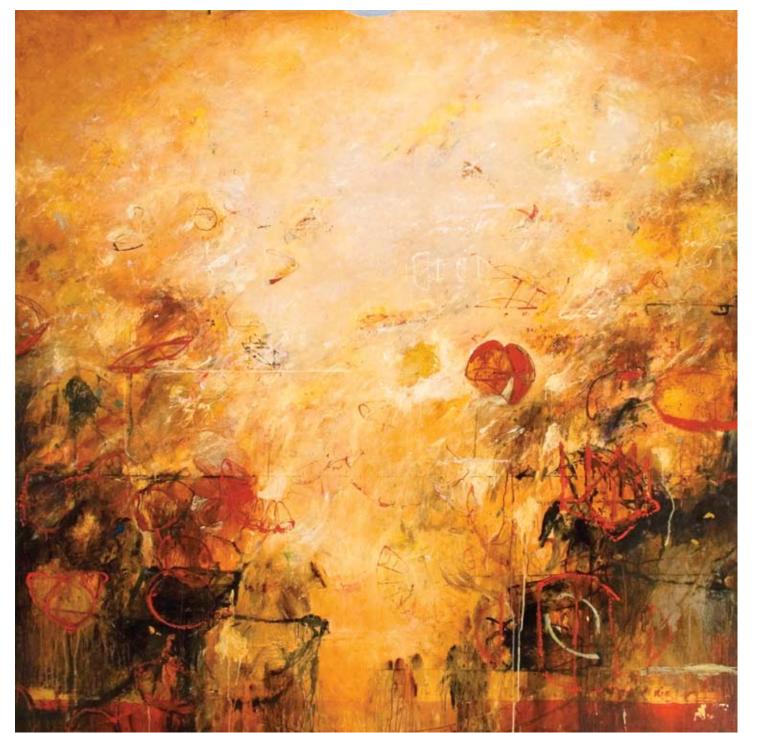
In *Gardens of Archimedes*, Schultheis explores the geometry of Greek mathematician Archimedes of Syracuse (c 287-212 B.C.) and transposes his ideas into a symbolic and visual language. These representative models are developed in each painting the same way the artist might tend a garden – thoughtfully and systematically.

For example, Archimedes employed a mathematical technique to approximate the ratio of pi (π) , along with a method to calculate the length of arcs. Schultheis uses these equations in his work (the arc specifically) to try and understand basic human experiences such as the circular rhythm of breath and heartbeat and the historical [and romantic] concept of finding one's "other half," or soul mate.

Schultheis pays homage to the Hellenistic period in which Archimedes lived by utilizing the classical antiquity colors of ochre, vermillion and lapis lazuli. Schultheis also refers to the works in *Garden of Archimedes* as the "Circle of Life Paintings" not only due to the subject matter, but also because of the rich verdant palette.







Oculus of Archimedes 01 2012 Acrylic on canvas 72x72 inches







Seas of Archimedes 01 2012 Acrylic on canvas 48x48 inches

Archimedes Seasons 01 2012 Acrylic on canvas 48x48 inches





Breath of Archimedes 01 2012 Acrylic on canvas 72x120 inches





Archimedes Palimpsest 01 2012 Acrylic on canvas 60x96 inches

Archimedes Seasons 03 2012 Acrylic on canvas 36x36 inches

Gardens of Archimedes 02 Acrylic on canvas



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