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Bastian, Son of No One

mixed media on panel

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100 x 80 cm

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Chris Berens

Chris Berens studied illustration at the Academy of Art & Design in 's-Hertogenbosch, graduating in 1999.

Berens has developed a complex and time-consuming painting technique as a way of achieving his desired result. Inspired with an idea for a new work, Berens paints the constituent details over and over on a coated layer of glossy paper, using ink and different types of varnish. He then cuts out fragments, separating the coating layer from the underlying paper, and stacks and unifies them, building a multi-layered collage on a larger panel to form an image. The process is repeated over and over until the image is complete.

After his first major solo show at Jaski Gallery in 2005, Berens' fame spread quickly. The young artist has already exhibited all over the world, from Amsterdam to New York, from Tokyo to Los Angeles, Seattle and Singapore.

Back home he has been the subject of a television documentary. 'Chris Berens, Master of his Magical Universe' was made for Dutch broadcaster Avro's 'Close Up' series in 2013 and has since been broadcast several times at home and abroad.

Berens also featured prominently in the television documentary 'Krabbé searches for Van Gogh', in which actor/painter Jeroen Krabbé traced the path of Vincent van Gogh in co-operation with Dutch artists.