

JASKI GALLERY

AMSTERDAM



Antoni

mixed media on panel

18 x 13 cm 2020

Antoni is a very well-respected -albeit slightly odd- merchant, surveyor, wine gauger, glassblower and microbiologist. Among Antoni's most notable accomplishments is his home-built microscope and his pioneering work for cell- and microbiology. He never washes his feet except once unintentionally, when he decided to stand in the water until barnacles started growing on his legs. He keeps flees in his socks and fly eggs in his armpits until they hatch, for research and good company.

ANTONI is a scientist in the broadest sense of the word. He is fascinated by everything. He studies the world with an open mind. He does not judge. He observes.

But most importantly, he SEES you. He will encourage you to follow your wildest dreams and cheers you on on all your endeavors.

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Chris Berens

Chris Berens studied illustration at the Academy of Art & Design in 's-Hertogenbosch, graduating in 1999. He has developed a complex and time-consuming painting technique, mostly shown as mixed media on panel.

"I'm most comfortable using fine brushes and drawing inks and graphites, but I also regularly use water color paints, markers and acrylics", Berens says. "For some time now I've added digital image making to my line of techniques, meaning 3D sculpting, digital painting and image processing. I combine and mix them with my more traditional media."

After his first major solo show at Jaski Gallery in 2005, Chris 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. He also designed the cover for *Panic of Girls*, an album which was released in 2011 by Blondie. Deborah Harry and Chris Stein, founders of the band, are admirers of his work.

Back home Chris 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.

Chris 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.