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Thomas

mixed media on panel

18 x 13 cm 2020

Thomas is a very curious rabbit. He used to stand on the beach, gaze out towards the open sea, his eyes fixed on the horizon. One day he decided to take the plunge and swim South.

Now Thomas has found a new island, where no rabbit has ever set foot. As soon as he climbed ashore, it felt like home. After a while he started to feel a bit lonely and found himself talking to a low-hovering cloud. The minute the cloud started to talk back he had an epiphany. He has written his 12 siblings to come over.

THOMAS is a family-man. He acknowledges the added value of sharing. He's not afraid to try on new things but he'll always put his family first.

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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.