

Sedna

mixed media on panel

12 x 12 cm 2020

Sedna was once a girl who thought she was so breathtakingly beautiful, no man she had ever met deserved her. When she came of age, her father commanded her to marry the first person to enter the city, which happened to be a cloaked raven. The raven took her to his nest high up on a cliff in the midst of the open sea, but she did not care for it at all and she wanted to go home.

So, her father paddled to her rescue in his kayak and she jumped off the cliff into the kayak. She missed the kayak and crashed into the ocean and all of her toes and fingers snapped off. They slowly floated to the bottom of the sea, transforming into seals, sea lions, otters and walruses. Sedna too sank into the deep blue of the ocean where she was metamorphosed into a beautiful whale. All of her deep-sea friends gathered round her and worshipped her. There she has resided as the goddess of the sea ever since.

SEDNA will help you find your place in life and in this world. If you feel like you're not good enough for your

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surroundings, or too good for that matter, that only means you're not in the right place. She will take you by the hand and travel the world with you and stick with you, just as long as it takes to find your true shape, your place and your home.

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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.

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