

Louis

mixed media on panel

18 x 13 cm 2020

Louis is the first rabbit to successfully appear from a hat in the year 1814.

The unsuspecting man whose top hat Louis had managed to crawl out of, stood trial before 3 Kings for an unknown crime. He stood before the defiant task to impress all three Kings, on penalty of banishment from the Kingdom.

The accused was of little talent, skill or genius. He was just about to take his loss, bid his Kings farewell, grab his belongings and go into exile, when he saw 2 fluffy ears peeking out from the brim of his top-hat.

Louis remained a celebrity for many years. Up until this day, Louis still loves to emerge unannounced from top hats. Nowadays, it's usually magicians he surprises, as top hats have been out of fashion for decades.

LOUIS has faith in you. He will stand by your side and make sure you succeed. Even though it may feel like you have

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to do everything by yourself, he will stick with you and make sure you get the job done. He will not give up on you. He is lovable, cuddly, is fond of narrow dark places and carrots. He makes YOU look good.

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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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