

Juno

mixed media on panel

18 x 13 cm 2020

Juno is a divine creature. She is made from light and transfers it onto the world. Where she goes flowers start to grow, birds start to sing and babies start to giggle. She lives by the cycle of the moon and uses its powers to manifest her dreams.

She is a domestic goddess and takes pride in making her home a warm and safe place. She loves decorating, making art and arranging flowers. She will usually have a pot simmering on the stove and fumes in all the colors of the rainbow drifting out of her chimney.

She's always in a good mood, she's caring and kind and has the ability to make you feel good about yourself. She is a healer and makes your sadness simply dissolve in her light. Also, she likes birds. She talks to them and her best friend is a peacock.

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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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