

Johanna

mixed media on panel

18 x 13 cm 2020

JOHANNA, Hans to her friends, is a mycologist and the first lagomorph professor. She comes from a wealthy, intellectual and artistic family of doctors and is the oldest of seventy-three children.

As a child she refused to take embroidery classes and told her mother she would make sure she would earn enough carrots to have all her cleaning duties done for her when she was grown up.

She became a loved and legendary teacher. She wrote over 70 publications and with every graduation ceremony, she had a tradition of making geese, wearing fashionable bows parade around the burrows. Besides her surreal sense of humor, she was known by her close friends as loving to party, drink and dance and without an interest in marriage or reproduction.

JOHANNA is a teacher and a role model. She is keen on passing along her knowledge as well as her utter disrespect

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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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