

Doria

mixed media on panel

18 x 13 cm 2020

Doria is slow and clumsy on the ground and does not hop very well. However, in the air, Doria is fearless and agile and free. She designed and built her own special flying device because she didn't want to let her limitations define her.

Her family tree is peculiar, at least. Among her forefathers and offspring are a hawk, a cave beetle, a yellow scorpion, a frog, a slug, a daddy longlegs and various species of weevils.

DORIA is an anomaly. She might seem awkward or goofy, but she has her own, very specific set of skills. She would never have found them if she would have been afraid to think outside the box, to fail or to make a fool of herself. She is here for you as an example and to encourage you to find your unique talent.

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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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