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Darius

mixed media on panel

12 x 12 cm 2020

Darius is the world's largest bunnyrabbit. To be more specific, he is Giant Country's smallest bunnyrabbit. He had been living in Giant Country as much for the entertainment as to the confusion of the Giants. Giants would be amused to tears by the size of this tiny bunnyrabbit one moment and utterly confused as they would lose it the next, due to their clumsiness and species-specific myopia.

"Wheresitgone?" They would shout. And when they would find him, they would squeal his name in utter euphoria: "Darius!" One day, Darius found a bunnyrabbithole, leading him straight to our side of this world, where he was lovingly taken in by a family who eventually guessed his name through the exhausting process of exclusion.

DARIUS is all coziness and fluff. He's so happy to be part of your family and thrilled you now know his name.

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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.