

JASKI GALLERY

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Anna Agneta

mixed media on panel

26 x 18 cm 2022

Anna Agneta is the third wife of famous ornithologist. She stays home, loving and raising their four children. While her spouse was out and about, galavanting in the field, digging up one new bird after the other, little did he know that a fellow naturalist was making fun of him behind his back, denying the origin of a certain species, the tailless mutant of a jungle fowl. Anna Agneta snuck into her husband's lab and took the poor bird in and loved and raised it as her own fifth child. She never demanded any recognition. Nor did she receive any. Until now.

ANNA AGNETA is selfless. She does what she feels is the right thing to do, even if that means her standing in the background. She sees that quality in you, too. The things you do, come from a place of love. You might feel you're standing in the shadows, but you will be seen and your will be acknowledged.

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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.