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Willebrord

mixed media on panel

18 x 13 cm 2020

Willebrord is obsessed with measuring the circumference of the earth. He is the first to try since Eratosthenes in the third century BC. Of course, back then the earth was still flat, so Eratosthenes fell off the edge of the earth.

Unfortunately that is, as according to his friends, he was a good guy.

Willebrord has come up with a theory where he has made a model of the moon with a certain circumference, multiply that by the angle from which he sees all the church spires from where he stands. Ask a passerby to stand opposite him, wait for the moon to rise from behind him, then take a number of steps away from him, until the moon has the exact same size as the one on his head, measure the distance between him and you, and then there's something to do with the refraction of light.

It may not seem like much, but he's definitely on to something.

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WILLEBRORD is surprisingly clever. He has a lot on his mind but is always prepared to involve you in his process and he values your company and appreciates you your input and ideas.

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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.