

# JASKI GALLERY

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## **Emanuel**

mixed media on panel

18 x 13 cm 2020

Emanuel is a painter and a horticulturist. Being the only creature within The Hug Squad gifted with both gifts of creating and cultivating, he is given the wonderful task of painting, designing and thinking up plants that do not exist.

A few examples of plants made up by Emanuel are the fly paper plant, the dancing plant, the parachute plant, back bat flower, dragon's blood tree, jelly fish tree, monkey face orchid, flying duck orchid, cobra lily, hooker's lips and swaddled babies.

EMANUEL is a magical and associative thinker. He does not see or acknowledge the difference between 'real' and 'not real' and is in no way bound by scientific restrictions. He invites you to both explore the magical and the natural world and enjoy all its wonders.

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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.