

Althuis Hofland Fine Arts

Never a dull little stroll

Bart Kok

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Althuis Hofland is proud to present a small selection of recent nature-inspired paintings by artist **Bart Kok (1985, Lochem, The Netherlands)** in Space II.

Being fascinated by the allegories and generic themes of art history; death, ego, self-portraiture, anathesia, drugs and the sublime, artist Bart Kok's paintings deliberately flirt with the act of painting within the realm of painting itself. Influenced by artists such as Vincent van Gogh, Raoul de Keyser, Co Westerik, Joris Ghekiere, Armando, Constant Permeke, Per Kirkeby, Roger Raveel, Gustaaf de Smet, Howard Hodgkin, Leon Adriaans, Morandi, James Ensor, Giorgio de Chirico, Kok freely adapts their stylistic approaches, however bends them into a language of his own. A language leading most recently into colorful, whimsical and poetic forests that could be projections of sun or moonlight, or appear as wonderful chimera of the illusive mind.

Bart Kok (1985, Lochem, The Netherlands) graduated MA from St. Lucas Antwerp in 2015 and completed the Manama program at St. Lucas in 2017. He won the Royal award for Painting in 2016. His work is in the collection of Ahold Kunstcollectie, KPMG and Izala Zwolle, amongst others.