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ARJAN SPANNENBURG

THE OBSERVER

Year: 2019

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SUMMARY

A striking black and white portrait exploring the psychological reciprocity of the male gaze and the tension between armour and vulnerability. This work investigates the liminal space where the act of looking transforms into scrutiny, a silent exchange between subject and spectator that feels almost tactile. In THE OBSERVER the boundary between the viewer and the viewed is dissolved. The subject's direct, unyielding gaze compels a reversal of roles; he does not merely accept your attention, he reflects it, forcing…

GENRES

Queer · Masculine Vulnerability · Coming of Age · LGBT+

AWARDS

2019
Merit
Federation of European Professional Photographers

MATERIALS

Matt plexiglas
Giclée print Ultrachrome mounted on dibond with Mat plexiglas. This finish is designed for spaces with high ambient light or large windows. The matte surface diffuses light to eliminate harsh reflections, providing a sophisticated, soft-touch finish that allows the image to be viewed clearly from any angle without a "mirror effect."

Framed with Museum glass
Fine Art print mounted on dibond and framed with museum glass in a wooden frame. The choice for the traditional collector. This combines a structural Dibond mount with the timeless elegance of a wooden frame. By using Museum Glass, we achieve 99% UV protection and a nearly invisible surface, offering the tactile warmth of a classic frame without the green tint or reflections of standard glass.

Diasec True-life
Giclée print Ultrachrome mounted on dibond with Diasec Truelife. The absolute pinnacle of art production. This tier uses Truelife® acrylic, an optic-grade material similar to high-end camera lenses. It provides a stunning "liquid" depth and 3D-like colour vibrancy, while simultaneously being anti-reflective, scratch-resistant, and anti-static.

Diasec Anti-Reflex
Giclée print Ultrachrome mounted on dibond with Diasec Anti-Reflex. An exhibition-grade finish that utilises the patented Diasec® chemical bonding process. This creates a permanent, airless seal between the print and a specialised anti-reflective acrylic. It provides the structural "monolith" look of a contemporary mount while ensuring that even under heavy gallery spotlights, the focus remains entirely on the artwork's detail.

EDITIONS & PRICES

Portrait 40 × 60 cm
Limited Edition (8/8 Available)

€1,850 (Incl. 9% VAT)

Portrait 80 × 120 cm
Limited Edition (6/6 Available)

€3,700 (Incl. 9% VAT)

Portrait 80 × 120 cm
Artist Proof — 2 Available

€4,625 (Incl. 9% VAT)

Portrait 40 × 60 cm
Artist Proof — 2 Available

€2,313 (Incl. 9% VAT)

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GALLERY



ART EXPANDS PERCEPTION AND INTELLECT.

Art should have an impact

The Silent Power of Vulnerability

The autonomous work of Arjan Spannenburg (born Texel, 1978) resonates internationally with curators and private collectors alike. Central to his photography is the search for identity and self-expression. Through powerful, predominantly monochrome compositions, Spannenburg portrays youth standing on the threshold of adulthood.

We witness adolescents in a transient, uncertain phase of life. These sensitive portraits capture subjects alone with their thoughts, yet they simultaneously radiate a profound need for communication with the outside world, a search for support, understanding, and love.

Gallery Representation & Exhibitions In addition to permanent representation by ZERP Galerie (Rotterdam), Spannenburg's photography has been selected for prestigious international platforms and events, including:

• PAN Amsterdam

• Kunstlinie, Almere

• Schwules Museum, Berlin

• Paratissima, Italia

• Tongerlohuys, Roosendaal

His works are held in diverse private collections and are often seen in prominent public locations, including the City Hall of The Hague.



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