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ARJAN SPANNENBURG

THE BURDEN OF THE HEART

Year: 2025

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SUMMARY

A painterly, conceptual color portrait depicting Cupid in a moment of overwhelmed introspection, exchanging his role as the hunter for one who bears the heavy burden of love. In THE BURDEN OF THE HEART, Arjan Spannenburg orchestrates a profound departure from his signature high-contrast black and white work to engage in a "dialogue with painting." This piece is a central pillar of the CUPIDO series, where the choice of color is not merely aesthetic but strictly conceptual. By utilizing a rich, oil-paint-inspired p...

GENRES

Male nude · Historical figures · Coming of Age · Masculine Vulnerability · Color

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."

Diasec Anti-Reflex

Giclée print Ultrachrome mounted on dibond with Diasec Anti-Reflex. An exhibition-grade finish that utilizes the patented Diasec® chemical bonding process. This creates a permanent, airless seal between the print and a specialized 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.

Diasec True-life

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

Framed with Museumglass

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.

EDITIONS & PRICES**Landscape 60 x 40 cm**

Limited Edition (8/8 available)

€1,850 (Incl. 9% VAT)

Landscape 60 x 40 cm

Artist Proof (AP) — 2 available

€2,313 (Incl. 9% VAT)

Portrait 80 x 120 cm

Limited Edition (6/6 available)

€3,700 (Incl. 9% VAT)

Portrait 80 x 120 cm

Artist Proof (AP) — 2 available

€4,625 (Incl. 9% VAT)

More information: <https://www.artthatmatters.gallery/en-US/artworks/the-burden-of-the-heart>

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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, Italy
- 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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