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Ben Kleyn creates unique compositions of (gold)fish, which appear to move gracefully and almost weightlessly amongst waving aquatic plants. His works evoke a tranquil, dreamy underwater world in which beauty, calm and refinement converge.

Ben proved to be exceptionally creative at an early age. In his parents' restaurant, he drew portraits, which he brought to life in his own unique way by colouring them in. These early works soon found their way to various overseas galleries, where they were exhibited and sold. He later became a photographer, again with a strong focus on portraits. He succeeded in capturing many well-known Dutch personalities in a special way with his distinctive perspective and unique style.

“A quiet world in itself”


During the coronavirus period, Ben found his way back to drawing and painting in his studio in Rotterdam.

This renewed artistic energy resulted in his beautiful fish bowls: layered, transparent artworks, created with epoxy and acrylic paint. Each work consists of 20 to as many as 60 wafer-thin layers measuring just a few millimetres. An extremely precise and labour-intensive process that requires a great deal of time, patience and dedication, while simultaneously creating calm and stillness.

The result is a series of magnificent, fragile art pieces in various shapes and sizes. Works that amaze, provoke thought and radiate a unique serenity. Ben also finds that calm in another great passion of his: growing bonsai trees.



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