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GALLERY

BENKA



"CAPTCHA #110", 2022

Mixed media on canvas

190 cm x 160 cm

\$9,500



"CAPTCHA #171", 2022

Mixed media on canvas

160 cm x 140 cm

\$8,500 SOLD



"CAPTCHA #185", 2022

Mixed media on canvas

180 cm x 150 cm

\$9,500



"CAPTCHA #196", 2022

Mixed media on canvas

180 cm x 150 cm

\$8,500



"CAPTCHA #194", 2022

Mixed media on canvas

180 cm x 150 cm

\$8,500 SOLD

THE ARTIST



BENKA opposes mankind's dangerous game of underestimating the consequences of AIs. Whether it is the digitization of our social relations through the invasion of smartphone screens, the progressive introduction of humanoids such as Aida, Tesla Bot, Sophia, Erica but also Metaverse and cyber-surveillance, our contemporary society is facing a decisive mutation.

His artistic approach aims to expose the question of the robotization of our world and if A.I. has a considerable advantage in fields such as medicine or astronomy, on the other hand, it presents many drawbacks and raises both questions and concerns for humanity itself.

These numbers and letters in his paintings are captchas.

A captcha is a program that protects websites from bots by generating tests that humans can perform unlike malicious computer programs (robots). The captcha is used to verify, for example, that you are a human when connecting to an interface (login) or to avoid "SPAM" on your mailboxes for contact forms on your website. These captchas are interpreted by BENKA and transformed into a symbol of his artistic struggle.

After an average high-school curriculum in Vienna, BENKA took to music. He joined different bands as a drummer and starred in a multitude of concerts throughout Europe. BENKA pursued his music career while studying for his clinical psychology degree with a focus on smartphone addictions. This is the subject of his thesis and inspires him to create paintings representing aspects of AI and the smartphone addiction in our society.

In 2015 BENKA started studying art as a self-taught artist and has since devoted himself to his painting.

BENKA lives and works in Munich.