



## SUPER A (1981, THE NETHERLANDS)

Dutch artist Stefan Thelen, better known by his moniker Super A, never falls short of baffling the spectator with his highly metaphoric scenarios, rendered in a supreme (hyper)realistic style. He blends urban methods, graphic design and traditional painting techniques, to give life to work that evolves out of his personal experiences and thoughts.

His pictorial stories seem to exist in a balance between fiction and non-fiction as Thelen's topics are a result of his amazement with rarities in our world, filtered through the view of the mysterious Super A. Often his works resemble a Pandora's box, giving rise to an endlessly detailed flood of visual references. While most of his paintings are of a dreamy-surreal atmosphere, they may also communicate a subtle, but nevertheless harsh critique of world politics. Yet no matter how melancholic or political his paintings may be, one will always spot one or two of his cartoonish characters in them that seem to set a comic counterpoint to an overall earnest atmosphere.

In both, his studio works and his works in public space (murals, sculptures) Super A often collaborates with fellow Dutch artists Rutger Termohlen and Collin van der Sluijs and his brother Marcel Thelen.

Homepage: <http://super-a.nl>



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## (SELECTED) SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2012 UNTITLED, Willem3, Vlissingen, The Netherlands

## (SELECTED) GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 ART ON PAPER, O.D. Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
VERSATILE, O.D. Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2015 WONDER WORLD, A4LW gallery, Soest, Germany
- 2014 KUNSTRAI, St. Art Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
LAYERED BEHAVIOUR, Partisan/A4LW gallery, Soest, Germany  
AFFORDABLE ART FAIR BRUSSELS, St. Art Gallery, Brussel, Belgium
- 2013 BLOOM ART FAIR, presented by A4LW gallery, Cologne, Germany  
THREE, DQE, Cologne Germany  
ALLES GOES!, Van Berkel Art, The Netherlands
- 2012 WALLSTREET 25, Vlissingen, The Netherlands  
BACKSPACE, Gallery Majke Husstege, Den Bosch, The Netherlands
- 2011 CITY OF DREAMS 2, Deventer, The Netherlands  
HUMANSTER, Willem3, Vlissingen, The Netherlands  
TINY VICES, Alley Gallery, Hasselt, Belgium
- 2010 IT'S A STRANGE WORLD AFTER ALL, Opperclaes, Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
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ART AMSTERDAM, St. Art Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
SCULPTURE RIZE, Salon Versailles, Paris, France
- 2009 GOUDEN BERGEN, Dek22, Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
HYPERMARKET, Go Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2008 PRINTS AND REVOLUTION, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
INSTALLATION, Namesfest, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2007 No7, Roodkapje, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 2006 ALIAS, Bomhuis, Breda, The Netherlands  
COLLABSE, Zwarte plaatwerkerij, Vlissingen, The Netherlands  
DUTCH MASTERS, Gemeente Museum, The Hague, The Netherlands  
REDBULL ARTBEAT, Club 11, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2004 PUNCT, Tilburg, The Netherlands



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