

TOBIAS THAENS

Tobias Thaens (b.1999, NL) is a painter who graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the AKI Academy for Art & Design, Enschede, the Netherlands, in 2021 and completed his residency at De Ateliers, Amsterdam, in 2023. Thaens' paintings offer the artist's reflections on the hard contrasts between form and function, which dissolve into one another uninterrupted, revealing the fluidity of existence and the interconnectedness of distinct energies.

The artist characterises his works as 'multi-morphos', with a deep fascination with animals utilising camouflage, bringing to light an appreciation towards the difficult act of searching for an outline of a being yet the form is present in multiples. An androgynous world where nature dynamically alters its skin pattern and colour, a series of perceptive and emotional depths lay ahead. This exploration accelerates to a transcendence of the often confined 'mundane experience'. By embracing such mundanity, Thaens instills in the viewer a lasting curiosity for the discourse of perception and interpretation.

Since graduating from AKI, Thaens has participated in exhibitions at Woonhuis, De Ateliers and Gerard Hofland (NL).

