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Artists Anonymous

*Fuck Them if They Can't Take a Joke /
Fuck Them if They Can't Take a Joke, afterimage, 2012*

ESTIMATE

£10,000 – 15,000

SIZE

120 × 80 cm / 120 × 80 cm

MATERIAL

Oil on paper / Digital print on archival paper



Image courtesy of the artists and Riflemaker

ARTISTS ANONYMOUS is an artists' collective that was founded in Berlin in 2000. Several processes are involved in the production of their work, beginning with the construction of a detailed stage set in which they place disguised figures. The scenes are often intentionally disconcerting and tread a fine line between fantasy and reality. The subsequent steps in the process are the painting and photographing of the scene, though these methods of representation are merged, and distinctions between the two are lost. The photograph may be the negative, colour-reversal of the painting, but the painting may also be of the negative version of the photograph. This complex inversion of the two disciplines is the basis of their exploration of how art achieves its independence from any outside reality. The result is a diptych that draws us from image to image seeking material reality in the representation or its inverted doppelgänger.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2011 Forum Factory, Berliner Kunsthalle, Berlin, Germany · Fondazione Querini Stampalia, Venice, Italy · *Liverpool Biennale 2010*
- 2010 Haunch of Venison, Zurich, Switzerland (solo)
- 2009 Galerie ADLER, Frankfurt am Main, Germany (solo) *Ron Mando*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (solo) *The Flowers of Evil Still Bloom*, Cueto Project, New York, USA · *Kult des Künstlers: Beuys. We Are the Revolution*, Hamburger Bahnhof, Berlin

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